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COVER STORY

Often referred to as the Modern day Tsai Lun (who invented paper in China in AD 105) Jen Shih-cheng started making paper two years ago when he found commercial paper did not measure up to his standards.

He went to Puli where old masters keep alive the art of papermaking. The first thing his teacher taught him was to look for plants which can provide pulp for papermaking such as certain trees, cotton plants and wheat. He used the formula-25% rice straw, 35% percent mulberry bark, and 40% bamboo pulp. The paper is then produced through processes of cooking, pounding, grinding, wetting and drying. In the beginning, Jen soaks a piece of gauze, on which he spreads his paper. Then colors are added and washed.

Since developing his interest in papermaking, Jen no longer confines himself to traditional ink and water painting. He creates with fibers instead of using a brush. The patterns on the paper happen naturally. At the same time his paper, no longer an invisible background, has become part of the work.

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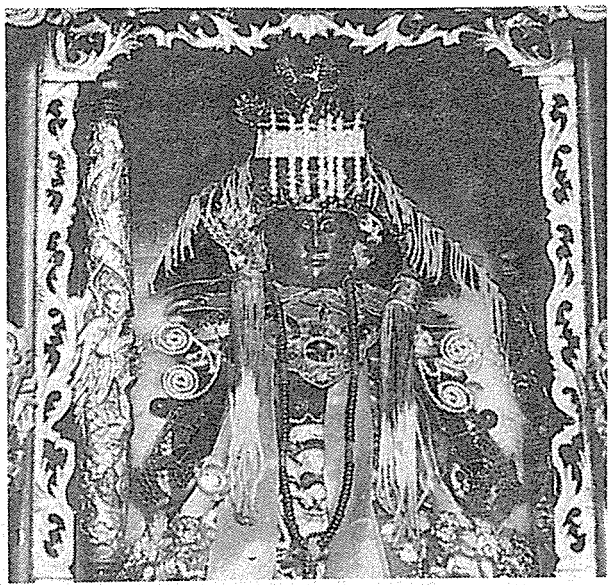


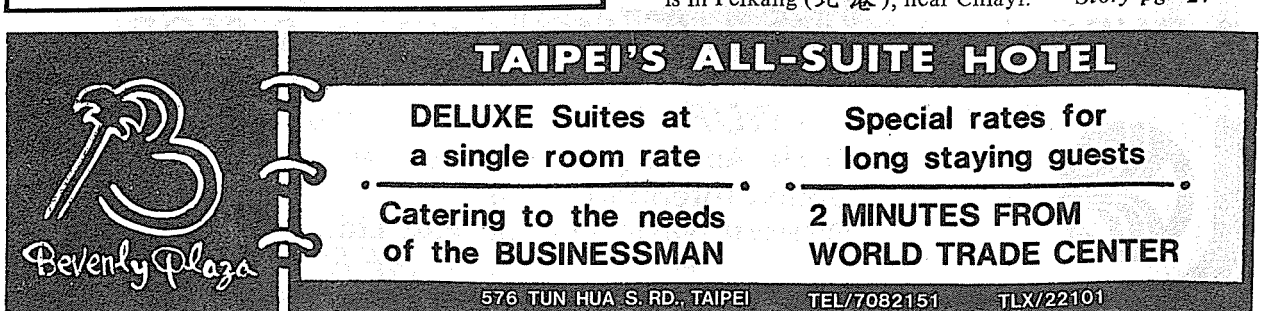
Ma-tsu, Goddess of the sea – see festival below

APRIL HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS

5 Tomb Sweeping Day: This national Holiday marks the anniversary of President Chiang Kai-shek's death in 1975 combined with the ancient Tomb Sweeping Day (Ching Ming). On this day relatives and families attend to the graves of their kin and ancestors and honor them with various sacrifices. Traditionally Tomb Sweeping Day is on the 106th day of the lunar year or 14th May this year. Generally in south Taiwan it is held on the 3rd day of the 3rd lunar month or 30th April.

8 God of Medicine Festival. This colorful Taiwanese festival is held at Hsuehchia (學甲) Tainan county, along the Chiang Chun River (將軍河) in honor of Wu Pen, immortalized as Emperor Pao Sheng (保生), a legendary physician of the 1st century A.D. A grand procession, over 3 kilometers long, pauses at the Tzu Chi temple (慈濟宮) in Hsuehchia, then winds it's way to a spot on a bank of the Chiang Chun River. The procession includes beautiful floats and troupes of performers. Human "Centipedes" lead the procession and walk over prostrated worshippers to exorcise evil spirits.

20 Birthday of Matsu (媽祖), goddess of the sea (23rd day of the 3rd lunar month). Matsu, one of the two most popular deities on Taiwan, will be honored at festivities at the many Matsu temples throughout Taiwan. Matsu is especially revered by fishermen and people involved with transportation. The largest Matsu temple is in Peikang (北港), near Chiayi. *Story pg. 27*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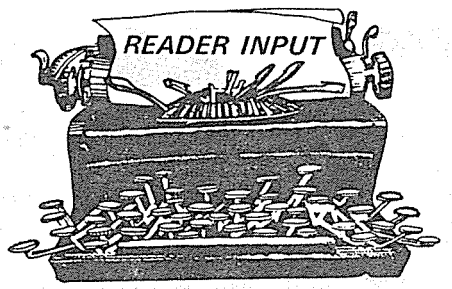

Dear Grapevine:

You're the greatest publication ever to hit the Taiwan expatriate community, and you truly do "hit" it, right in the nose, once in a while. Which it well deserves.

I wish you continued success, as I observe your growth in both quantity and quality, and your addition of color. And, as a free-loader, who particularly likes your free distribution, I can at least, honestly, give serious attention to your advertisers, and hope they'll continue to support you.

The real focus of my letter is to give you cheers for the Barstool Views of Durdley Drinkright and cheers for Cyril H.B. Dilling's "Through Eastern Windows". Both columns are terrific, the first for its joyful bawdiness the likes of which have never been seen in any English-language publication here before, and the second, "Eastern Windows", for telling it like it is. The two paragraphs following "According to Hoyle. . . " in your March edition identify so much of what truly goes on, despite all the hypocrites who would deny it, or worse, who would try to stop it. Drinkright and Dilling, I'm sure, are pseudonyms, and likewise, I too must offer a pen name because the world is not ready to accept those of us who would honestly call a spade a spade or a womanizer a womanizer or a boozer a boozer, and still let him go on banking, teaching, preaching, AITing, or whatever he's doing to earn his bread on this lovely island. *A.N., Shupai*

Thanks for the encouragement A.N. How about a few loud cheers for pseudonyms? Ed.

Dear Editor,

It is shameful that in this day and age anyone would condone such barbaric practices as bigamy and polygamy which, quite rightfully, have been outlawed in the civilized countries of the modern world.

Supposedly your writer has been raised with Christian morality and western laws which forbid these evil and outrageous practices.

A Christian Wife

Writer Dilling rebuts that there are no biblical restraints on the practice of having more than one wife — ask a mormon. Ed.

Dear Editor,

For over a century the Tamsui Foreign Cemetery was administered by the British Consulate, with offices in the present historical relic called Red Hair Castle. When the British withdrew, the cemetery was administered by the Australians, and then the Americans, and they cared for it along with other British interests, until they withdrew in their turn.

In 1982 local officials approached the Canadian Presbyterian Mission to ask if the cemetery belonged to them, and why the mountain grass was six feet high and the area was a vast garbage dump inhabited by wild dogs and cats, with sagging and broken walls and gate. Since among the sixty odd graves several were those of early Canadian missionaries, present members of the mission began to clean the area, and then other organizations turned out to help, among them the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Boy Scouts, and the Canadian Society. Although Tamsui town authorities would not interfere inside the cemetery, they graciously helped by hauling away piles of leaves, grass and garbage, and repaired the broken walls. A fund was set up by concerned foreigners so that a man could be hired to spend a day twice a month to keep the grass down and the neighbors garbage donations out.

If the writer of the article should compare the cemetery area with mountainside Chinese cemeteries that are cleaned but once a year, he would find that the Tamsui Foreign Cemetery is in remarkably fine condition. Could it be that the beer mentioned was served before cleaning began? Instead of nearly a hundred he would find fewer than seventy graves there, and that the oldest one is the monument in the back corner to George Forrest Hume, a Scotsman who was harbourmaster and tide surveyor until he died on October 11, 1870, eight years before M. Lefebvre. Indeed there is another earlier grave too. The Tamsui Foreign Cemetery has never had any connection with the adjoining MacKay Cemetery, which is separated from it by a strong brick and stone wall, and is administered by the Presbyterian Church through Tamkang High School.

This cemetery is a kind of quiet and sad piece of land. There are many tragedies recorded in brief but eloquent description on the weathered grey stones. "God's Jewel, David Earl Peterson, April 4-6, 1957." And near the gate, "To the glory of God and the loving memory of Adrian Conway Evans, H.E.M. ViceConsul in Formosa, born June 14th 1905, drowned while bathing August 15th 1952, together with his friend Osmond Smyth, who gave his own life in trying to save him."

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GETTING AWAY

THE "FISHERMEN'S ISLES"

Strewn across several hundred square miles of the Taiwan Straits, not far off Taiwan's western coast, lie the 64 small islands that comprise the Pescadores or "Fishermen's Isles".

Also known by their Chinese name, Penghu, the islands total a mere 126 square kilometers in area and support a population of less than 120,000. Currently, only 24 of the group are inhabited and with the exception of the five largest – Huhsi, Hsiyu, Paisha, Wang-an and Chimei – most of these support only a few isolated fishing families.

In spite of their relative isolation and sparse population, the Pescadores have played a pivotal role in Taiwan's – and China's – history. Because of their location between the island of Taiwan and the Chinese mainland, it is very likely that the earliest migrations of Chinese peoples to Taiwan were by way of the Pescadores.

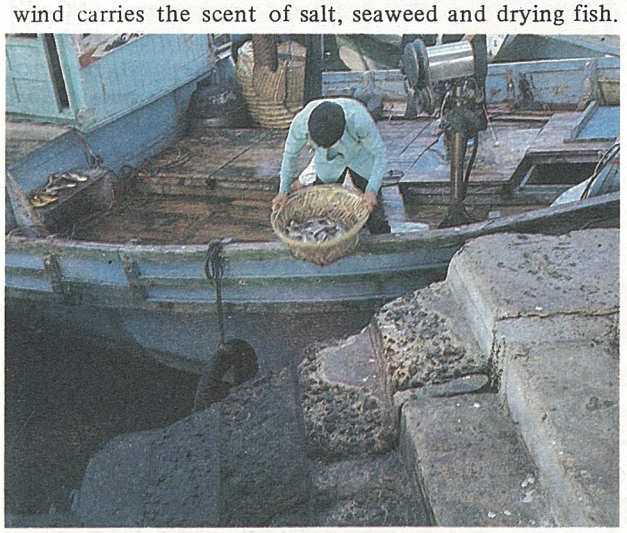
Throughout recorded history the islands have been the major staging area for nearly every attack launched against Taiwan. The fiteenth century Spanish conquistadors used the Pescadores as their base for attacking Taiwan, as did the Dutch a few years later. And when Koxinga drove the Dutch from Taiwan he did so from a base in the Pescadores.

Two hundred years later when the French attempted to seize Taiwan, they first wrested control of the smaller islands from the Chinese. The Japanese, in their successful expedition of 1895, did the same.

Even today, the Pescadores are strategically vital. The harbor at Makung is recognized as one of Asia's finest, although it is little used at present.

Today nearly half of the entire population of the islands live in Makung, the seat of government and only town of any size in the Penghu group.

The large majority of the islands' residents make their living by fishing. Dozens of natural harbors dot the coasts of the major islands of the group, each of them home to scores of fishing craft. Nets, lines, and large glass floats adorn the walls of buildings and the constant wind carries the scent of salt, seaweed and drying fish.



Home of one of Taiwan's largest fishing fleets.

Smaller boats work the waters along the island's coasts. Larger vessels roam as far afield as the Indian Ocean and the South Atlantic.

Much of the catch is consumed locally, but even more is shipped to Taiwan with some finding its way to markets in Japan or the United States.

Even better known than its fishing fleet are the hundreds of coral boats operating out of the Pescadores. The islands' coral fleet scours the oceans of the world in search of gem quality material and returns each year with more than half of the coral harvested world wide.

For all of the islands' fame as a coral center, however, the average shopper is probably better off trying to make his purchase in Taipei than in the Pescadores. Taipei's dealers swarm into Makung with the return of the fleet and all of the better material is quickly snapped up and sent back to Taiwan's big cities for processing.

Bargains in top quality coral are to be found in the Pescadores – but only by buyers who are sharp enough to outbid the dealers. Smaller and run-of-the-mill pieces are available, of course, in great supply.

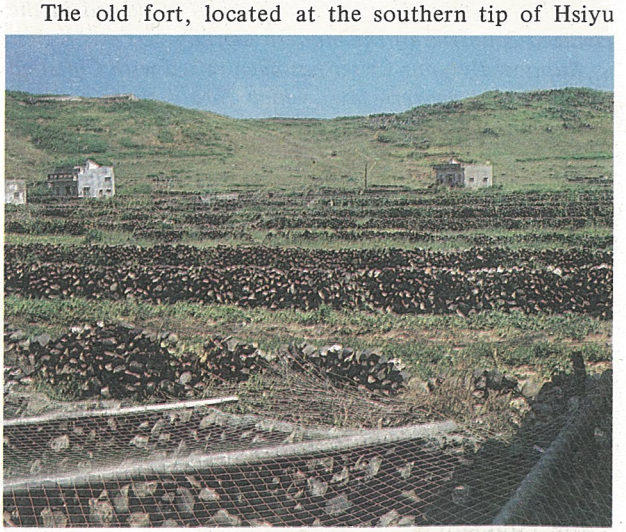
The islands' second industry is farming. The volcanic soil is rocky and thin, and farmers must contend with strong winds which tear across the islands for much of the year. Even so, three crops are produced – sweet potatoes, peanuts and kaoliang. Of the three, the kaoliang – a variety of sorghum – is best known on Taiwan, where it is processed into the potent kaoliang wine.

Most expats in Taiwan have yet to discover the Pescadores. Even among the long-time foreign residents, many have never visited the islands.

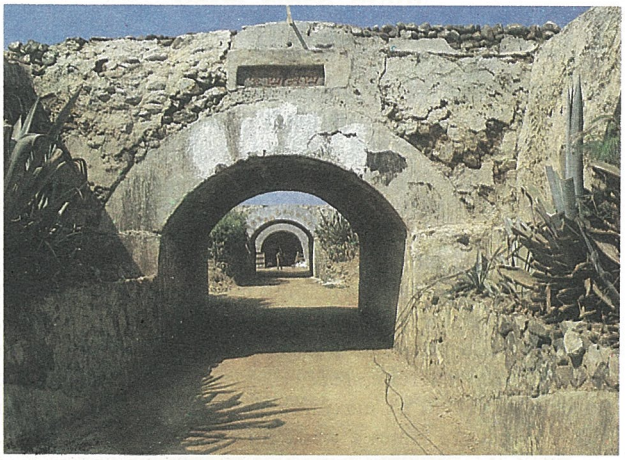
Yet the Pescadores have much to offer in both scenery and culture. To see only the three main islands of the group, at least two days are needed. Throw in a visit to Chimei or Wang-an, and another day or two should be added. For a leisurely visit, a week would not be too long.

Among the Pescadores' most famous sights are the old fort at Hsi Tai, the Penghu Bay Bridge, and the giant banyan.

The old fort, located at the southern tip of Hsiyu



Stone walls protect crops from winds



A section of the old fort

Giant banyan covers temple

Island, was built in the late 1880s and remains in remarkably good repair. A series of elongated, dome-shaped chambers connected by a maze of tunnel-like hallways, the fort covers an area of more than eight hectares and is large enough to house some 5000 troops. Its walls of brick and concrete are more than three feet thick.

To get to the fort, it is necessary to pass by the giant banyan and cross the Penghu Bay Bridge. The banyan grows in, over and around the front yard of the Touan-kung Temple. Legend has it that the tree sprouted from a seed washed ashore from a sinking ship some three hundred years ago. True or not, the fact remains that the banyan has grown over the centruies, spreading out and sending down new roots until today it covers an area of nearly 7,000 square feet. It is by far the largest tree in the Pescadores and, many say, in all of Taiwan.

At 2,160 meters, the Penghu Bay Bridge was, until 1984, the longest in the Far East. The bridge, which was completed in 1971, was built completely by local Chinese without any foreign assistance. Because of severe weather conditions which limited construction to six or seven months out of the year, and the extremely strong currents flowing through the channels crossed by the bridge, construction took five years to complete.

Other attractions – either within the city of Makung or in easy driving distance – include Taiwan's oldest temple honoring Matsu (the goddess of the sea), the old city wall with its adjoining gate (Makung is Taiwan's only city having much of its original city wall still intact), the fishing port in early morning, and Lintou Park with its nearby stretch of pristine white beach.

The outer island of Chimei shouldn't be missed. The island is named for seven young girls who, facing capture by invaders, flung themselves into the local well to preserve their virtue. The well where they died is named the Tomb of the Seven Beauties.

Everywhere on the islands are sights to savor and to photograph: mile upon mile of stone walls built to protect crops from the constant winds, peasant women in brightly colored clothing, their faces totally hidden beneath layers of towels with only a narrow slit for the eyes, carts loaded with kaoliang or nets for fishing and pulled by plodding yellow oxen.

More than any other part of Taiwan, the Pescadores are a remnant of earlier times. But the islands are rushing to catch up and the visitor who delays seeing them may find that the changes have come more quickly than he anticipated when he at last does make the trip.

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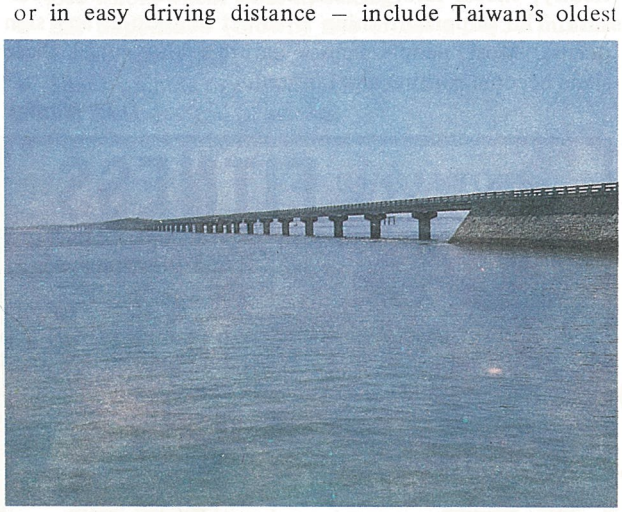
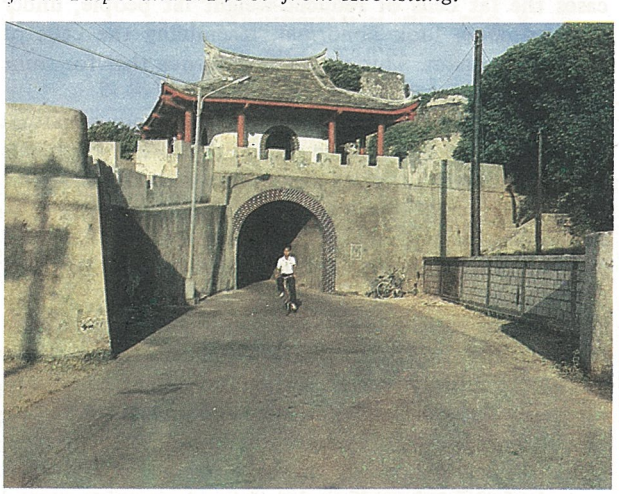
China Airlines and Far Eastern Air Transport each offer two flights daily from both Taipei and Kaohsiung to Makung and return. One-way tickets are NT$1,001 from Taipei and NT$589 from Kaohsiung.



Penghu Bay Bridge – one of Asia's longest



Main gate of old Makung city wall

TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings. Publilius, 42 BC

IS DIETING REALLY FOR YOU?

Are you one of those people who just can't lose weight even though you eat moderately?

Of all the dieters today probably less than five percent will maintain their weight loss for up to a year.

Not only do most ex-dieters regain what they lost but are likely to add even more weight and develop an even worse fat-to-lean ratio.

All information to date has told us that weight loss is a simple matter of cutting calories, however this process is not necessarily predictable because individual metabolism controls the body's utilization of calories.

It has been found that the metabolism of naturally thin persons increases up to 25 percent, usually as body heat, after eating. On the other side, fat people have only a token metabolic increase after eating and instead of burning up the calories they are stored in the body.

If a person is naturally inclined to being heavy dieting can even make matters worse. Many studies have evidenced that fat people do not usually eat more than thin persons and through repeated diets have developed more efficient metabolisms for converting and storing fats.

Experiments with both animals and humans have proven that repeated dieting trains the body to resist weight loss and regain weight at increasingly higher rates when food intake returns to normal.

As far as the body is concerned fat is important and beneficial, within limits. In fact there are only two kinds of cells that an adult body doesn't break down even during starvation: brain cells and fat cells. The body will dissolve muscle and organs rather than destroy it's fat cells. Starvation, or dieting, only reduces the size of fat cells.

Naturally heavy persons have more fat cells than thin individuals and therefore must reduce the size of those cells much more than average or thin types. In some cases the fat cells of reduced-weight fat people, under a microscope, look abnormal, resembling the cells of a starved person. This factor is evidence that for some being heavy is natural.

When weight is reduced below the body's natural level it releases a substance called lipoprotein which acts to put as many calories as possible into the fat cells. Another effect of this syndrome is a resistance to insulin and other hormones which convert fat into heat and energy. Starved fat cells also release hunger impulses to the brain.

It is not fully known why some people have more fat cells than others but, aside from heredity, fat cells seem to multiply under certain hormonal conditions especially during infancy, puberty and pregnancy.

Fat storage is more important in women that men. Ovulation cannot occur unless a woman's body has enough fat for herself and a fetus to survive several months of starving conditions. The normal thin woman has five to ten percent more fat than a thin man due to estrogen, the female hormone that promotes fat development. Men have highter levels of the hormone androgen which burns fat and builds muscles.

As an alternative to dieting many people are turning to exercise to work off extra weight. Exercise is at least, if not more, important as controlling calory intake, even through the calories burned through exercise alone is considerably smaller than those lost by dieting. But, exercise develops muscles which continue to burn calories after exercise stops. Exercises should be aerobic at eighty percent of maximum heart rates, lasting 20 to 30 minutes six times a week for optimial effectiveness.

What this all boils down to is that being hefty or of heavy build, is not necessarily to be overweight. Overweight and obesity begin when a person exceeds a natural set point. This is a point at which the body defends a certain body weight against flucuations either up or down.

If you are genuinely overweight try a weight program as follows:

1. Reduce calories progressively in small stages. Never cut calories drastically.
2. Slowly and steadily increase your exercise level to counteract the metabolic slowdown caused by calory reduction. Do not over-exercise, which will cause appetite stimulation. If in doubt exercise longer instead of harder.
3. Change your thinking on what constitutes a normal amount of food. If you are greatly overweight reduce your normal food intake by 25 percent.
4. Revise food habits by substituting high fiber and high nutrient foods into your meals.
5. Remember that results take time, sometimes months or years. As long as within a few weeks you see a steady decrease, no matter how small, you are on the right track.

How to tell if you are really overweight? Nature usually does this for us through many tell-tale signs such as aches and pains due to weight stress, breathing difficulty, excess flab, stretch marks and high blood pressure. The important thing is to act as soon as any sign occurs. Most people ignore nature's hints until these signs become routine and ignored.

D.W. Manley

YOUR FIBER GUIDE

Increasing dietary fiber should be a goal for all of us to achieve.

In the past bran was synonymous with fiber but scientific advances have shown fiber to be multi-faceted.

Another mis-belief is that fiber is fibrous, or stringy, while in fact there are five main types of natural plant fiber with varying functions as shown in the following guide.

FIBER TYPE	FUNCTIONS	SOURCES
Cellulose	*Relieves constipation, counteracts carcinogens in the intestinal tract, modulates glucose, curbs weight gain.*	*Apples, Bran and whole-grain cereals, Brussels sprouts, Carrots, Lima beans, Peanuts, Peas, Whole wheat flour*
Pectin	*Lowers cholesterol, counters bile acids in the intestinal tract. Offers protection against colon cancer and gallstone formation.*	*Apples, Bananas, Beets, Carrots, Okra, Oranges, Potatoes*
Gums / Mucilages	*Lower cholesterol, modulate glucose levels.*	*Dried beans, Oat bran, Oatmeal*
Hemicellulose	*Relieves constipation, counteracts carcinogens in the intestinal tract, curbs weight gain.*	*Apples, Bananas, Beets, Bran and whole-grain cereals, Green beans, Radishes, Sweet corn*
Lignin	*Escorts bile acids and cholesterol out of the intestines. Offers protection against colon cancer and gallstone formation.*	*Bran and whole-grain cereals, Cabbage, Strawberries, Peanuts, Peas, Tomatoes*

Here are some easy ways to add fiber to your diet:

- Add barley to vegetable soups.
- Eat potatoes with the skins on.
- Use whole wheat flour in baking.
- Eat unpolished (brown) rice or use a 50/50 mixture with white rice.
- Snack on nuts or popcorn (watch the salt.)
- Eat fruits instead of sweets.

BATHE AWAY SORE MUSCLES

No matter if your fitness thing is weight-lifting, jogging, tennis or golf, when you get that next-day soreness and stiffness the discomfort is the same.

Probably the easiest and best thing you can do is take a hot bath to relax both mind and body.

Soaking in a hot bath increases circulation. The increased blood flow aids elimination of toxins from sore muscles and carries nutrients to help in healing the micro-injury caused by strenuous exercise.

After muscles have become relaxed and pliable in the warm warm water they can be stretched gently through the normal range of motion which is painless and therapeutic.

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'I'd like some of what he's having.'

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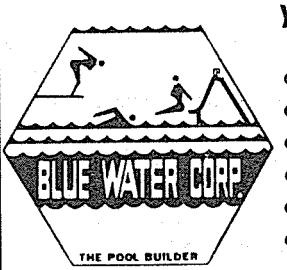

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WHISKY

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (20 Mar – 20 Apr) Look for excitement possibly complicated by personality clashes in week one. In the second week maybe a minor financial problem for which it might be necessary to forget something you want. In week three stick to your work, keep responsibilities in mind, avoid enticement and at end week don't be extravagant. In the final week dont be resentful toward difficult burdens. Keep things bright – throw a party. Lucky Days: 8, 10-17, 20 Beware: 22, 28 Lucky Numbers: 12, 18, 1993.

TAURUS (21 Apr – 21 May) In week one enjoy shopping, entertaining and making things beautiful but don't neglect yourself. Second week recognize your own position to avoid financial troubles. Don't overrate yourself about your job. Don't be hasty. You might renew an old friendship in week three. Avoid being reproachful. Watch your money, especially cash. In the fourth week you might be under pressure but you will succeed by being objective and honest. Take health measures. Lucky Days: 7, 20-25, 30 Beware 13, 27 Lucky Numbers: 826, 2111, 2055.

GEMINI (22 May – 21 June) Current news and important letter writing should be of interest in week one. Don't allow interference in your plans. In week two you might experience a physical slump. See a doctor. Financial matters look good. Don't lose your temper. The thrid week watch your money, don't lend or spend big. Be what you are. In the last week don't let dreams lead you from a solid path. Lucky Days: 2, 18, 20-25 Beware 4-6, 17 Lucky Numbers: 10457, 11223, 23088.

CANCER (22 June – 23 July) You will be needed in week one. Don't be skeptical of offers or invitations. Week two you might have an unusual trip. Keep your eyes on gains. Don't be suspicious. In the third week beware of dangerous new projects. You need to be restrained. In the last week fight for your ideas. Meet with important people and be openly frank. Lucky Days: 7, 18, 20 Beware 1, 5-9, 22, 26 Lucky Numbers 5, 188, 576.

LEO (24 July – 23 Aug) Week one be practical; resist temptation and financial ventures of any kind. Week two family and romantic relationships are favored. Give a treat to loved ones. In week three find something useful for your spare time, no use seeking pure pleasure. Take nothing for granted in week four. Take good care of your health. Lucky Days: 8, 12, 15, 20-27 Beware: 2, 4, 19, 28, 30 Lucky Numbers: 14, 288, 2123.

VIRGO (24 Aug – 23 Sept) Try to understand a person opposed to you in the first week. Work might keep you from home. Beware of traps – don't answer questions hastily. Week two educate yourself in areas where you don't feel capable. In the third week take no chances, be conservative, don't converse with strangers. Week four marital or romantic issues will fare better. Look ahead with cautious optimism. Lucky Days: 2, 11, 20, 28 Beware: 4, 10, 17-19, 30 Lucky Numbers 49, 826, 2111, 2055.

LIBRA (24 Sept – 23 Oct) In the first week don't let emotions take over. Don't be arrogant. Week two be social, avoid solitude and dreaming. In the third week career chances are open. Keep on your course, it will bring improved conditions. Week four should be leisurely, take it easy this week. Lucky Days: 2, 7, 19, 22, 27 Beware: 5, 9, 11-13 28 Lucky Numbers: 188, 288, 6161.

SCORPIO (24 Oct – 22 Nov) Avoid disapproal of old aquaintances in week one. Week two watch for a mistake on the job on the 10th or 11th but don't waste too much time correcting it. Possibly a new friendship this week. In the third week don't be upset by the way people speak to you, do not coax or plead with anyone. Duing the last week contact with an old friend might be helpful. Avoid dangerous ventures and carelessness. Lucky Days: 2, 5, 8-11, 27 Beware: 4, 14, 20-22 Lucky Numbers: 691, 2304, 3333.

SAGITTARIUS (23 Nov – 21 Dec) Week one might bring an unexpected trip. Be cool toward adventurous opportunities Second week be optimistic, don't let events or opinions depress you, ignore them. Week three might see an emergency – don't be emotional. Later in the week watch for advantageous ideas but also listen to what another person has to say. In week four don't expect major changes. Don't change residence. Lucky Days: 8, 10, 17, 30 Beware 9, 15, 19 Lucky Numbers: 88, 199, 4657.

CAPRICORN (22 Dec – 20 Jan) During first week don't say or do anything rash, you might regret it. The second week is not a time for personal pleasure, romance or spending – resist temptation. In week three don't let social life threaten your career. Beware of envious persons – speak carefully. Last week don't ignore gossip or slander. Don't despair at ruined chances; a good attitude leads to better days. Lucky Days: 8, 10, 15, 20 Beware: 9, 14, 25 Lucky Numbers: 199, 4970, 8683.

AQUARIUS (21 Jan – 19 Feb) First half of week one enjoy as the latter half will be demanding. Week two your money may be touched by events. Don't complain, it's the way things are going. If you help others monetarily let them work out their own problem. In the third week be sincere and diplomatic. No time for wasted effort so decide your direction and work toward it. Fourth week be cautious in taking anyone into your confidence. Dampen any friendly or outgoing moods – keep it light, impersonal and without controversy. Lucky Days: 7, 19, 22 Beware: 8-10, 30 Lucky Numbers: 98, 575, 1813.

PISCES (20 Feb – 19 Mar) Week one you may take a major step. Don't let the week go without making some career improvement. Second week try not to overdo things. Don't be afraid of inspirations – follow up with letters or conferences. In week three don't make new commitments. There may be a change in your marital life. Avoid criticizing loved ones or friends. Last week listen to advice and opinions and store them for good use in the near future. Lucky Days: 1, 15, 22, 28 Beware: 5, 19, 24 Lucky Numbers: 14, 188, 6754.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

The world headquarters of the mighty Bank of America in San Francisco is graced by an 11-ton chunk of obsidian known jocularly by some depositors and not quite so facetiously by the general public as "The Banker's Heart." Then, too, we continue to hear that a typical Swiss banker (and perhaps many others) would not notice a naked girl passing unless she was carrying a ten franc note in her hand.

Sounds ominous, but every rule carries within itself the seeds of its own exceptions. And we think we've isolated an authentic banker over on Fu Hsing Ru who not only has a heart of flesh but appears to notice the young ladies who pass even if they are fully clothed. This abberation does not indicate that John Brinsden, Manager of Standard Chartered Bank's recently established office here, is a new boy at the game. In fact, he went straight from his school, Perse at Cambridge, into The Chartered's London headquarters way back in 1961 and has persevered ever since with a career that has taken him all over the globe and in and out of far more adventures than one might expect from a gent habitually attired in coat and tie.

If John, who still lives the good bachelor's life, was born with a roaming as well as a roving eye, he certainly picked the right bank to serve.

In reality The Standard Bank and The Chartered Bank were amalgamated in 1970. Originally the former was The Standard Bank of British South Africa, a power all over Africa after its founding in 1854, while John's original employer was given a royal charter by Queen Victoria to serve mainly India, Australia and China in 1853.

Chartered Bank was on the Shanghai Bund as early as 1860 to do battle with the other taipans and actually printed the earliest bank notes for the International Settlement and other China communities.

John Brinsden went overseas first in 1964 to Kuala Lumpur and thereafter ran the entire gamut of Chartered's operations in Calcutta, Amritsar, Borneo, Penang, Bombay and Bandung. John's next assignment, to Teheran, might have cost him his life when the anti-Shah revolution set Iran in flames. He was relieved in the nick of time and got safely away even though Chartered was shut down shortly afterwards. Houston and a variety of other U.S. cities must have seemed dull by comparison, even though business boomed, and exactly two years ago this month John Brinsden presided over a very traditional Chinese benediction of Standard Chartered's elegant offices on the ground floor of the Hewlett Packard Bldg. at 337 Fu Hsing N. Rd.

An inveterate traveller as well as a bon vivant and man about the place, John has just returned from a vacation in Australia tinged with good natured vengeance for his employer. For at the time of its inception as the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, the bolshy and prosperous Aussie sheepherders of that era decided

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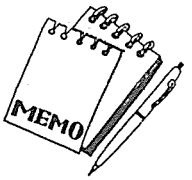
TRANSPORT NOTES & NEWS



Compagnie Maritime Belege and ***Chargeurs Reunis*** have sold their rights and entitlements in the Far Eastern Freight Conference and ceased operations involving the R.O.C. Members of the Propeller Club of Taiwan will be sorry to say "adieu" to M. Valerie Coquerel who ran Chargeurs's office here on Chi Nan Rd. and wish him well in his new posting.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will sponsor the show "Holland Calling" featuring the best of Holland and including a special effect multi-media slide show and, live, are a mime show, wooden shoe making demonstration, preparing and eating raw herring, array of traditional Dutch ladies costumes and the friendly KLM Bluebird mascot. The show is especially for KLM's travel agents, tour operators, cargo agents and other VIP guests. In Taipei it will be held at the site of the International Flower Exhibition at the Lai Lai Sheraton 16-20 April, which will include fresh flowers flown in for more than 50 Dutch participants.

Holland Calling will be in Taipei 18-19 April and Kaohsiung 21 April. For further info in Taipei call Corrine Hwa 717-3000; in Kaohsiung Sophie Lu 281-1131.

Kuehne & Nagel was awarded the title of *Best Seafreight Forwarder* at the Asian Freight Industry Awards ceremonies in Hong Kong recently.

Lufthansa added 11 new destinations in 10 countries commencing with the summer timetable effective as of 29 March. These include Frankfurt to/from Washington DC, and Riyadh, and non-stop flights now in both directions between Hong Kong and Frankfurt.

Maersk Line, already an important carrier between Taiwan and Europe, has acquired the loading rights under the Conference of both the withdrawing companies and will now command 13% of the tonnage allotments. This extra business is allowing Maersk to increase the frequency of its Europe/Far East/Europe fast container service to three sailings per month immediately with the likelihood of a weekly service next year.

Philippine Airlines has detailed information for those interested in the 5th Gift, Toys & Houseware Market Week being held in Manila 27 April to 1 May. Tel. (02) 505-3030.

U.S. Lines Taiwan reportedly closed their doors on 26th March in an apparent bankruptcy. No official statement nor full details were available as of Grapevine's deadline.

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they could get along quite nicely without any Pommy banking dudes around. It has all been patched up amiably over the decades, but with the old bank tie flying in the breeze at Perth, Standard Chartered's man might have secretly enjoyed seeing those same Aussies divested of the America's Cup. ◇

FOREIGN BANKING CRAWLS AHEAD

Midst the accusations, conter-accusations and counter-counter-accusations of protectionism sailing back and forth across the Pacific and to all points of the compass beyond the Middle Kingdom, some Taipei froeign bank managers are beginning to wonder if they too should not find some soap boxes.

Essentially, as the old Wobbly song goes, "The boys is talking union." It's all good clean fun, of course. No agency of God or man can claim a monopoly on anoition and the spirit of the Sherman Anti-Trust Laws are still more honored in the breach than in the observance everywhere.

Foreign bankers here earnestly desire to feel that they are a true segment of the ROC's economic life performing functions that cut both ways in encouraging mutual wealth and growth. But so far they have not really been able to take much part even in consultations that might influence decision making. All agree that the Ministry of Finance has been uniformly friendly as well courteous. Nevertheless, it was not until 1985 that the Bankers' Association of Taiwan invited representatives from foreign banks to join as "Associates." And it surprised many that the authorized delegates from this de facto sub-group were appointed rather than elected. It has surprised many in the foreign bank offices even more that since that date there has been no meeting at which these somewhat remote spokesmen might have vented some views representing a consensvs of foreign bankers' thinking.

There is not a lot to kick about, mind you. A long standing need for branch offices where business is flourishing has been partially met by the recent decision to permit foreign banks to expand by one branch, but the branch may not be in Taipei, where the action remains swift. In a show of hands the foreign banks would probably vote to request permission to place their branches at points of their own choosing. But the word is bullish on extended rights and privileges, and a little patience might be the most fruitful attitude.

PEGGING THE NT$

One detail of daily economic living that foreign bankers do not have much to say about is the recent upsurge in the value of the NT$. But you can't tell that to a lot of nice trusting depositors. A short time ago the banking hall of one of the best behaved foreign banks in Taipei was the scene of an old-fashioned Pier 6 punch-up touched off by a direct action citizen who entered with a fistful of genuine US$ travellers cheques for which he had recently paid NT$40 plus commission and was paid out at around 36. Regretfully, the manager had to ask for police rather than Central Bank of China (CBC) intervention in this case.

With the NT$ (TWD) supposedly pegged to the US$ (USD) through thick and thin, it is difficult for the layman to understand today's rapid erosion of the latter. Where a free exchange exists fluctuation presents no mystery at all. Currencies go up and down according to gold reserves, commodity prices, trade volume and other visible factors. During today's crisis one hears a lot of talk about United States trade agencies' insistence on a stronger TWD. But try to prove it! Ain't nobody talkin.

The mechanics of exchange control are fairly easy to comprehend if you understand them. And so here goes. The daily rates we read about are determined every day by interbank trading activities. The Central Bank througg its agent banks sits on top of the situation in it's own dealings with foreign exchange banks and can virtually decide through its intervention, when deemed necessary, what the next business day's mid rate is to be.

A lot of economists believe that in a completely free money market the enormous economic strength of the ROC would quickly drive the TWD to 32 or beyond. Could it be, then, that the CBC is really applying the brakes? We'll let you know next time we cash some travellers cheques.

How the Mid Rate is Determined

1. The USD/TWD mid-rate will be determined by interbank trading activities. All interbank tradings must be reported to Foreign Exchange Trading Center (FETC) advising of the volume, rates and dealing parties. At the end of trading day, FETC shall calcuate the weighted average rate of all interbank transactions. The obtained weighted-average rate then will be posted as the USD/TWD middle rate off the next business day.
2. The scope of interbank tradings includes transactions done among foreign exchange (FX) banks; CBC's agent banks and FX banks; CBC and CBC's agent banks. The real interbank market rates should be defined at the rates transacted among FX banks. Other rates therefore are considered as CBC's intervention rates.
3. CBC can easily control or influence the market through its agent banks' operations. Since the transactions done amongst the FX banks and CBC's agent banks and transactions done between the CBC and its agent banks are all included in the weight counting. In this way, CBC can easily influence the weighted average rate level or reach the target level it wants.

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Taiwan chefs and manufacturers involved with the tourist and hospitality fields are invited to participate in what is officially dubbed the *International Chefs Competition and International Catering Trade Expo.*

The event is aimed at support for the tourist trade which is one of the largest growth industries world-wide.

Information can be obtained from the Australian Commerce & Industry Office, Taipei, Tel. 542-7950 or by writing to D.E. Amos, Marketing Administrator, P.O. Box 96, South Brisbane, 4101 Qld., Australia.

THE FALLACY OF U.S. TRADE PRESSURE

Pressure by the U.S. on the exchange rates of it's trading partners is nothing better than a futile attempt to obtain short term protection, laced with a dash of retribution, for what has become a nation non-competitive both in the world market and in it's own market.

This short term protection/retribution ploy is doomed to ultimate failure simply because the average U.S. citizen and businessmen don't give a damn. Taiwan Dollars, Yen, Marks, etc. don't mean a thing to the American man in the street.

Those in the U.S., both Democrats and Republicans, beating the protectionist drum have failed to recognize, or admit, that the real problem lies in their own bed and not in Asia or Europe.

Yeutter, Laux and colleagues might simply ask any overseas company who has tried to, or does, buy U.S. products to get a big hint of where the real problems lie. Yes, gentlemen, just try to obtain proper information and prices from the average U.S. supplier. At best he can quote a vague ex-factory price but don't expect him to get involved with anything like an *F.O.B. or, god forbid, *C.I.F. cost. In fact, it's a rare case when he even understands the terminology let alone discuss international payment terms things most of their Asian and European counterparts have to know to even get a job.

Lack of international trading knowlege is but a part of the American manufacturer's export problem. Even more serious is his inflexibility in coping with overseas market requirements. Requesting specification changes from U.S. producers is akin to blasphemy despite factors which make many U.S. products unsuitable to other countries. One major example lies in differences between the metric system and the archaic U.S. system of measurements.

It must be recognized that the second key factor, after price, in the export successes of the big Asian and European exporting nations has been an ability to make the product changes necessary to satisfy the demands of overseas markets world wide.

Last but not least is U.S. quality, both physically and cosmetically. Americans have fallen down in this area of past pride and must get hot very quickly to overcome the trend toward sub-standard products as a norm.

For most of the same reasons U.S.-pressured changes in import restrictions and duty rates of the trading partners will not bear fruit because too few American manufacturers are likely to take advantage of these increased opportunities.

Logically, there are only two ways to improve this situation and both are incentives. One form of incentive is the carrot and stick approach or to reward entrepreneurs who achieve fixed export goals. This can be easiest done through the tax system. The other solution, probably less popular but definitely more effective and expedient, is a penalty system for industries which do not export. Here also the tax system is the simplest vehicle. While added profit might not be sufficient inducement for the American businessman, the loss of it makes them jump.

But this is probably the simplest area of the many problems causing the U.S. to slowly sink into a second

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COMPUTER TALK

by Stan

So, you have a modem installed in your personal computer and a proper connection to the telephone line. Are you all ready to reach out from your desktop and embrace the world of data communications? Well, not quite. . . Your system needs one more vital component – communications software.

As we all know by now, not even the most sophisticated computer has the ability, or desire, to tell a modem from a digital sphygmomanometer without instructions on how to do so. Good modems actually have little computers of their own inside them that can interpret and act on simple instructions. The list of instructions that your modem can recognize is called its "command set". A company in the U.S. which you might have heard of, Hayes Microcomputer Products Inc., designed a command set for their very popular modems that has more or less become the world standard. It is called the "AT" command set – all of its commands start with the letters "AT" (for "ATtention").

What you need is some software that will transmit commands (dial a number, set a transmission speed, hang up the phone, etc.) to the modem, receive and interpret any responses from it, take data from the computer for the modem to transmit, and read back any data received by the modem from another computer.

Now, you can take the command set of your modem, your operating system and any low – or high-level programming language and create your own communications software. If you have unique data communication needs, or a really oddball computer setup, get out a pad and pencil and start flowcharting. (We'll have a lot more to say about custom software at a later date.) Fortunately, most of us can make do very well with an off-the-shelf communications software package.

Of course, your modem might have come with communications software. I'm not counting on it. Developing or buying the rights to software does cost a certain amount of money. Then again, the capability and user friendliness of any software so furnished can range from crude to sublime. Top on my list is Hayes' Smartcom II software package, which is sold together with the Hayes modems.

You can also get Smartcom II separately for about US$80. Another popular communications software package is Crosstalk XVI, by Microstuf Inc., which would set you back about $90 (mail order) in the U.S. Then there is PC-Talk, published by The Headlands Press, Inc. PC-Talk is "freeware", which means that you can use (but not sell) it with no obligation, although the authors would appreciate a volunary contribution from you to enable them to carry on the good work. That, I guess, is a darned good value! Also, many publishers of business software have recognized the importance of data communications in the modern office

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or third class trading nation status. The old "Yankee Trader" image is not only disappearing, it's just awaiting burial. With proper and meaningful incentives plus a shot of national pride and awareness the U.S. entrepreneur might still be resourceful enough to overcome the unionist labor attitudes and related slump in native inventiveness to regain U.S. stature amongst industrial nations without resorting to blackmailing it's trading partners to share, to their own detriment, in the current American economic tradgedy.

*F.O.B.: Free on Board; a selling price which includes all costs until the goods are physically on a ship at the point of export.
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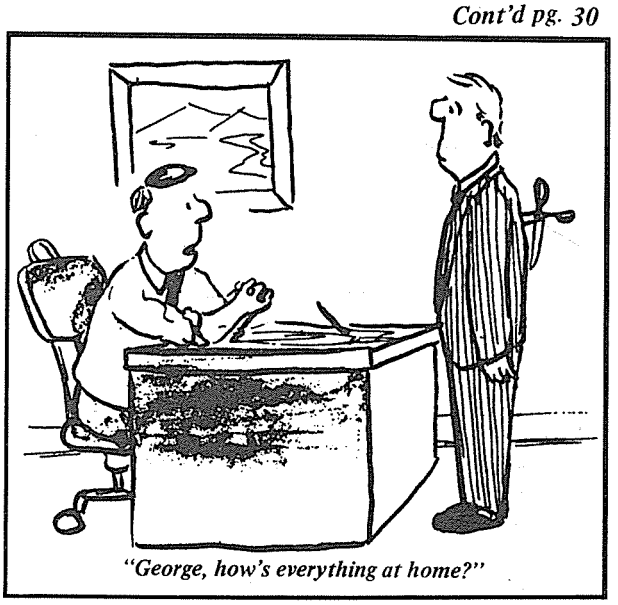

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ON THE MOVE?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MOVING IN OR OUT

Spring is upon us with leave time, school vacation and, for many expats and their families, transfer time.

Yes, we're approaching that time of the year when a lot of moving about the world takes place, both overseas and domestic.

For those who are going to be involved in a move (or who might have people moving onto the island) here are some tips from the experts:

When should we start looking for a mover? "The sooner the better," says Jack Chen of Transworld Int'l Van Lines. Decide on a mover early, thirty days is not too soon. The more advance notice you can give the mover the better he can arrange cost and hassle saving scheduling and load arrangement. Your mover should be given the date you want your goods to arrive so they can take into account all factors to schedule the easiest and cheapest possible move.

And fixing a date will help to avoid unnecessary hotel expenses at the destination or having to buy household items for temporary use before your shipment arrives.

Chen also advises that there should be a clear understanding with the mover on charges for any differences between estimated and actual freight costs.

What about insurance protection? Jack Sun of Crown Van Lines advises people on the move to handle insurance through the mover. Some clients want to insure through their own agents which is impractical since in the event of claims the client's agent would claim against the mover who is not usually prepared to meet large claims.

By insuring through the mover's own agent both client and mover are covered and settlements are simplified and prompt. In some cases the mover's rates are even cheaper. Normal rates for full-replacement, non-deductible insurance is 3% of the insured value and for shipments valued over US$70,000 as low as 2.5%.

What about pets? Yung-Ta Transport (YTT) Company's Peter Hu says that if you expect to take Fido back with you, you should get on the stick early. Pets face a gauntlet of regulations that can cause trouble. YTT will apply for an export license, but the animal must be examined before it is issued, and then again before departure. Further, departure must take place within ten days of the issue of the quarantine certificate. On the other hand, vaccinations must be at least a month old at the time of departure. To further confuse matters, if you want your pet on the same flight you take, cargo space must be booked at the same time that you book your seats. Drugging is optional, but recommended if your animal has nervous tendencies.

According to Hu, because of Taiwan's stringent regulations, the U.S. does not require quarantine of dogs coming from here. Birds, however, are subject tc quarantine, and space must be reserved in advance. Most other countries impose some form of quarantine on all animals.

Pets entering Taiwan require a week's quarantine and each animal must have a valid quarantine certificate, immunization certificate and four color photos.

What about storage or warehousing? Specialist Peter Hu of Green Van Int'l says that most reliable movers here offer varying periods from a week upwards of free storage for either incoming or outgoing clients' goods. The actual time to deliver after the shipment has reached port is usually three or four days, so this gives the client sufficient leeway.

For periods longer than the individual mover's norm, charges range from NT$4 to NT$10 per cubic meter (35.3 cubic feet) per day under varying contract conditions such as minimum volume or weight, etc.

What are the time factors and what should be done in advance? Jimmy Chen of Orient Pacific Int'l urges client to have their items listed and, if possible, to separate valuable and/or breakable items and advise the packers. You'll also need a list with values for the insurance and customs (This goes for both outward and inward moves).

About 5 to 7 days should be allowed for a move out, which includes a usual packing time of two days. Inward moves need 3 to 4 days if the documents are in order.

For incomers, decide where you want things placed before the movers arrive. Here your itemized list is indispensable.

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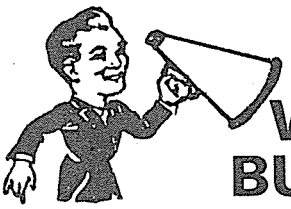
One anonymous tip to people on the move is to avoid shipping new items (especially high duty goods) in the original packing, and remove lables and tags.Duties levied on used items is usually much lower. ◇

GIRL FRIENDS' DAY

We deliberately let Women's Day on March 8 slip past to confirm that this year's hoopla would produce the same scenario as it did last year. And we were on target. Kudos were extended to famous Chinese women warriors and other achievers of antiquity, and it was again noted that modern Chinese women not only raise nice kids but go forth every working day to help bring home the bacon. All well and good, but as usual the honors list ignored the most marvellous element in the weaker sex of China, the girl friend. For its hard to find her equal anywhere these days. Unfortunately we live in an era of rapidly retreating romance and feminism. Just a few days ago a sampling of American women told the Gallup poll that they did not rate sex as one of their priorities. At the same time the director of New York's biggest dating service confirmed that his women client's first consideration is: "how much does he earn?"

We feel that even the latest crop of young local women are different and are helping to keep the 'ole time religion' of Romeo and Juliet romantic love in place. They look sweet, they sound sweet, and they are sweet. If they have a boy friend they take good care of him. If they don't, they still believe that Mr. Right is just around the corner. When He asks Her, "Do you truly love me?" few Chinese girls reply, "I'll let you know after I've talked to your accountant."

So here's to those unbeatable Chinese girl friends with their thoughtfulness, their tenderness, their jealousy, their innocence and all the rest of that good stuff that may not have died with Hero and Leander after all.



BY WESTERN BULLHORNS

We live in remarkable times these days on Taiwan and are seeing elements of fundamental history played out before our very eyes. The national election held here in December was in itself a milestone few historians will overlook, for transition towards democracy has almost always come after a nation's defeat in war (Argentina 1951) or is imposed from outside (Japan and Germany in 1945.) But in the ROC the extension of popular government comes during a time of socially and economically triumphant peace and as an act of uncompromised sovereignty. Yet it must be admitted that the trend has had at least the urging of the Western world and indicates once more that it is influencing China more than China is influencing it.

The December election was more in the form of a plebiscite. Not enough legislators were chosen to radically alter the course of affairs, and yet the electorate was given an unencumbered opportunity to express its approval or disapproval of the incumbent national government. And the result was a majority in favor that surpasses any majority seen in British, US or French elections.

As we read history, the year 1953, when the unparallelled Land Reform Act reached fruition, established the government of the ROC as high among progressive leaderships of the world. The subsequent 'Miracle of Taiwan' was a tidal wave of advancement that caused all the boats to rise. And for the years ahead the present administration's 14 Projects development program is already on the front burner. All of this causes us to wonder, respectfully, if what the ROC really needs most is continuity under the current leadership or a good strong dose of Boston Irish ward politics.

Democracy is holy along all the Atlantic shores where the fat cats live. To question it is blasphemy. To deny it is treason. And yet a few daring philosophers do so, and most of these are adherents to the so-called "Five per cent law." This postulates that all the productive thinking in the world is done by 5% of the people while the remaining 95% are so stupid, uninformed and disinterested that they cannot make rational decisions even bearing upon their own survival. (We didn't say it; we're just giving it equal time!)

Put gently it has been said that democracy is "that system wherein men with no opinions are urged to express them." At the other extreme the U.S. government – specifically since F.D. Roosevelt's times – is "of the slobs, by the slobs and for the rich."

These detractors are not altogether without a case. Ferdinand Marcos is a product of pure democracy. Adolf Hitler received so many votes for President in Germany under the Weimar democracy that President Hindenburg had no choice but to make him Chancellor (and confirm the destruction of Europe.) In the U.S.-forced election in El Salvador, Sr. d'Aubisson, the man universally credited with operating the notorious death squads, received so many votes that a runoff was necessary, and he almost won that. Then too Field Marshall Doctor president-for-life Idi Amin Dada was the clear choice of Uganda's citizens until he started eating some of them.

What these thinkers are trying to say is that 'vox populi' is the braying of an ass. Henry Miller gave his viewpoint of U.S. elections as "when all the crooks are running for office, you're urged to vote for the right man."

We noticed that during the December election many commentators deplored the "disrespect shown to revered people." The only trouble with that is it does not express democracy. It defines monarchy. And there is room to argue that what people really want is monarchy. How much more comforting it to is be led by a super-natural being annointed by God than by some blatherskite chosen by mere men because he can holler louder than the others.

Under a monarch everything that goes wrong can be blamed on his evil ministers whereas under U.S. style democracy the mortal in the White House is gradually eroded away by the torrents of abuse levelled at him, and the electorate every few years must painfully re-adjust its totems from peanuts to jelly beans or whatever.

Well, China has made its choice. Since 1945 foreigners have no longer imposed their will on the people of the ROC. But China will gradually find out that it is as impossible to be a little bit democratic as it is to be a little bit pregnant. Both conditions grow until they show. But we are going to hope that democracy in the ROC will retain a distinctly Chinese flavor in the realm of good manners. It is to be hoped that no future elected dignitaries must hear themselves described, as President Reagan did on a recent talk show, as "that boob in the White House." Or that no Chinese President will read about himself – as F.D. Roosevelt did at the height of his glory – being called "a cad and a montebank." "a cad and a montebank."

For better or for worse, those of us who have sailed her all our lives can only say to our friends on Taiwan "Welcome on board the often leaky, sometimes badly ballasted Ship of Democracy." And we might add "Let's hope we all make port safely." *Cyril H.B. Dilling*

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If diners at the brand new Taj palace on Chung Shan N. Rd. next door to Tatung order only one or more of the house's magnificent Tandor bread specialities they can go away satisfied because once they start on it, it is difficult to stop. But there is plenty more on this convenient and attractive Indian restaurant's menu to attract the eye as well as the palate.

The preparation of the four types of bread at the Taj provides a side show that none of the customers should miss whether they decide to order it or not. The glassed-in short-order bakery in the corner of the dining room is staffed by an Indian chef with literally the fastest hand in the East. He works over an open-topped charcoal fired clay oven shaped something like a bee hive. After kneading a slab of bread pizza style, he leans over the kiln and plasters it on the wall by hand. And if he doesn't move super quickly, he risks having barbecued fingers for his own lunch. After two minutes of baking the bread is ready to be rescued with a special hook and then goes straight to the diners hot, supple, tender and of perfect texture for enfolding and eating the main course ingredients.

Grapevine's experimental foray to the Taj kicked off with two traditional appetizers, Chicken Chatt, a boneless presentation of excellently spiced fowl and Lassi, a flavored yoghurt that worked out well as a relish for the chicken.

Gourmets who taste Indian cooking worldwide usually get nothing but the dark green to brown colored Madras curries. At the Taj, however, our chicken curry was orange colored and had more of a cream than a tart taste. It was excellent and was followed by an equally succulent mutton curry. The third main dish was Fish Jalfareizi and employed the meat of a much firmer fish than the familiar carp we know so well from Chinese dining.

The saffron rice ordered to accompany the main dishes was left untouched as Grapevine's inspectors returned twice to the tandoor oven for additional bread.

India seems to be short on desserts, and no matter where we go the sweet is always Gulub Jamum, light balls of semolina served in a honey sauce. But the Taj has one more dessert up its sleeve, a very distinctive form of ice cream that hints of condensed milk and will not be to every critic's taste, but which we enjoyed.

With four diners participating in a full and satisfactory meal, beer as a beverage and the double dessert, the bill came to a reasonable NT$2,000.

The Taj has just announced a weekend and holiday buffet at NT$300 that should turn out to be one of the best bargains in Taipei. The Taj Palace Restaurant is at 2nd Fl., 30 Chung-shan N. Rd. Sec. 3. Tel. 598-2984.

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3 pounds (1.3kg) potatoes, thinly sliced
2 medium onions, thinly sliced
2½ cups peas
3 tablespoons butter, softened
¾ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (or processed cheese)
½ cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
¼ cup wheat germ
1 teaspoon thyme
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 cups milk

Dry the potato slices. Arrange 1/3 of them in the bottom of a well buttered 9 x 13-inch banking dish. Top with 1/3 of the sliced onions and sprinkle 1/3 of the peas over the onions.

In a small bowl, combine the monterey Jack and Cheddar cheeses, wheat germ, thyme and cayenne. Sprinkle 1/3 of this mixture over the peas. Dot with 1 tablespoon of the butter.

Create 2 more layers of the ingredients in the same fashion, beginning with potatoes, then onions, peas, cheese mixture and butter. Pour the milk over the top and bake for 30 minutes at 400°F (300C). Reduce heat to 350°F (175C) and bake for 20 to 30 minutes more, until potatoes are tender and top is golden brown. Allow casserole to sit for 15 minutes before serving.

Serves 6 to 8.

GOURMET TRIVIA

1. What tropical fruit is also known as a "false banana"?
2. What does "balderdash" mean?
3. "Sea ear" refers to what mollusk?
4. If you had a glass of "Abondance" what did you drink?
5. For what would you use an Alveograph?
6. At "Frühstück" what would you be eating?
7. Mescal, the Mexican liquor, is made from what?

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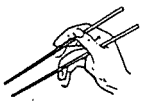

WANDERING CHOPSTICKS

SHANGHAI STYLE

Another Sunday dinner was approaching, and there I was again, back in the same old rut. Either it was a burger and fries or a bowl of noodles with a growling dollop of MSG from Wong Fong's wagon. The leaden sky was promising a hard rain, and the thought of the solitary trek to the nearest McDonald's (which is anything but near) was more than I could bear. Standing on the balcony, I cast my eyes over to where Mrs. Wong Fong was meticulously washing the bowls and chopsticks and octopus together in the gutter in preparation for the midday diners. Would I really subject myself to that again, I wondered? A quick look in the refrigerator confirmed my suspicion that the only other alternative was condiment soup and stale bread ends.

Time was running out and the hunger pangs were growing stronger and stronger. But who the hell wants to go to a Chinese resturant alone, I thought? I was in deep despair, and I knew it. As I had finished salting and peppering a damp bath towel, salvation arrived in the form of a phone call from my old friend, Tom Crichton.

Tom had assembled a band of hooligans, social outcasts, and turbaned ruffians (the cream of Taipei's foreign community) for a Sunday lunch at the Tien Fu Shanghai Restaurant, located on the 7th floor of the Today's Department Store on Kun Ming St. in Shi Men Ding. In a flash I was in a taxi and on my way to join them.

Fortunately for us, Tom had dragged little Angel Chen along to help us negotiate the dishes with the management. She was extremely shy, and very reluctant at first, but having been bound securely to the chair she had no choice but to assist.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this style of Chinese cooking, Shanghai cuisine is noted for its oily foods and special sauces, both heavy and light. In truth, many Shanghai dishes, especially duck, are too

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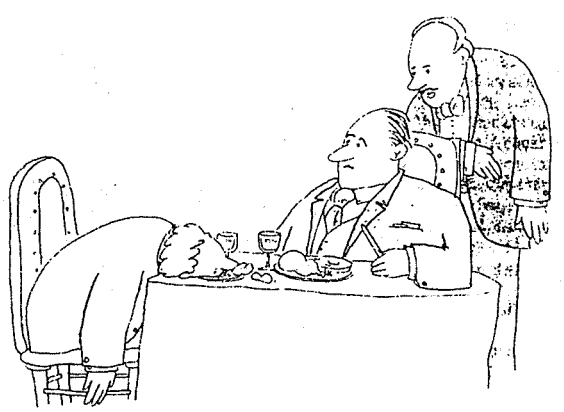
Chopsticks, Cont'd. . . . . .

oily for westerners to appreciate. However, the seafood that is prepared in this style is some of the most delicious in the world. At our lunch, we finally settled on the following dishes: sauteed shrimp with bean sprouts; stewed eel with ginger in a thick oil sauce; bean curd sauteed with black mushrooms and bamboo shoots; a Shanghai version of sweet & sour pork; winter mellon and clam soup; "one thousand things" fried rice; and chicken stewed with onions and dried eel. These were of course preceded by a variety of appetizers, and accompanied by hot tea and beer.

At the end of the meal we took a vote on which dishes we liked best, and the stewed eel won hands down. The shrimp with bean sprouts took second place with the bean curd holding third. I myself put in a vote for the stewed chicken, but Ron Robertson's veto put it out of the running. Tom asked that I make special mention of one of the appetizers called Jie Tsai, a green vegetable used mostly in soups, but which is sauteed and served hot before the meal at the Tien Fu Restaurant. Angel Chen voted for the bean curd and the clam soup, and Sandy Huang's 7 year old boy, Sun, liked the fish tank and elevator the best, but he had obviously had too much beer.

Besides the food, the company at the table was outstanding, and I had the chance to talk to people I hadn't seen in ages. We had such a good time that we're going to do it again next month. As a matter of fact, we're going to do it every second Sunday of every month, and we want to invite all of you to join us. It's an opportunity to get out of the house, spend an afternoon with your friends, meet new people, and enjoy a meal that you otherwise might not have the chance to enjoy. So, if you think you might be interested, give a call to Grapevine at 596-2047 and tell them your name and how many people you'll be bringing. We're also interested in receiving your suggestions concerning good restaurants in the Taipei area. If you know a Chinese restaurant with good food that's reasonably priced, please tell us. We'd like to go. Which brings me to the last point of today's meal, the price. The total cost to each of us was only NT$300. That's reasonable by any standard, and a lot less than you would spend at the hospital after eating Wong Fong's noodles. *Edward Ormsby*



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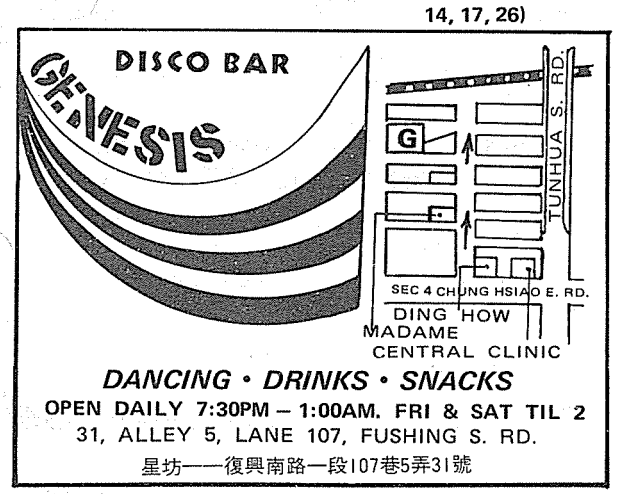
LUNAR HOROSCOPE

The lunar horoscope is a guide to daily activities (the dates are adjusted to the western calendar).

The dates given are all good except for those in brackets which are bad. Good days mean fortune, luck or success. For example to hold the ground breaking on the auspicious day will bring luck, etc. to a construction project. Obviously "bad" days bode just the opposite. "Bed placement" was originally meant for newlyweds who on the auspicious day decided where the bed was to be placed. This however has transformed into a general interpretation including moving or placement of any bed.

ADOPTIONS	6, 11, 13, 21
ANIMAL BUYING	23, 29, 30
BED PLACEMENT	6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27 **(10, 11, 15, 17, 28, 29)**
BUSINESS NEWLY OPEN	4, 6, 9, 11, 15, 17, 23, 27 **(2, 14, 18, 19, 24, 30)**
CONSTRUCTION	
BUILDING	4, 5, 9, 11, 14, 17, 23 **(6, 13, 16, 18, 25)**
TEMPLE	6 **(7, 10)**
WAREHOUSE	14
CONTRACT SIGNING	6, 11, 18, 23, 24, 29 **(2)**
DOOR HANGING	2, 4, 5, 17, 18 **(1, 5, 12, 24)**
FUNERALS, BURIALS	4, 5, 6, 12, 17, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30 **(1, 2, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29)**
ENGAGEMENT	4, 6, 9, 11, 14, 18, 21, 26, 27
HOUSE CLEANING	13, 17
HUNTING, FISHING	6, 20, 22, 30
MACHINE INSTALLATION	2, 4, 6, 9, 30
MARRIAGE	2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24, 26, 27 **(1, 7, 10, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29)**
MEDICAL CONSULTATION	6, 19, 30 **(28)**
MOVING PREMISES	4, 5, 14, 18, 23, 26, 30 **(3, 7, 9, 11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27)**
PLANTING	11, 15, 23, 26 **(3, 6, 16)**
TRAVEL	4, 11, 13, 18, 23, 25, 27 **(2, 14, 17, 26)**



HOTEL WATCH

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Asia World Disco, Arc de Trimophe, featuring DJ Duggy Day, announces a new reduced cover charge of NT$320 (plus 10%) which includes a drink and snack.

Fortuna is sponsoring a childrens day special menu on Sat April 4. Donald Duck masks, pencils and ballons will be distributed. The lunch special is from noon to 2:30pm. Reservations are recommended, Tel. 563-1111, ext. 8213

A special Easter Sunday Brunch Buffet is scheduled on Sunday, April 19 from 10:30am. to 2:30pm, and all children are invited to a fabulous Easter egg hunt 2 to 3 p.m. These special events are especially planned for the children.

Hilton will offer a Childrens Day special luncheon buffet at Tiffany's on the 3rd fl. Adults NT$450, Children NT$350. From the 17th through 20th Easter brunch will be served 10:30AM – 2:30PM in the 2nd floor coffee shop and Easter dinner in the 2nd floor Trader's Grill. 21st – 30th a special European buffet will be offered in the Coffee Shop 12:30 – 2:30PM and 6:00 – 9:00PM daily.

Hotel Royal's Les Célébrités French restaurant will offer a series of dining specials for the Easter holidays that will have something for everyone.

On Good Friday evening, April 17th, Les Célébrités will have a seafood dinner, with salmon fillet baked with mustard and served with caramelized endives as the main course. Saturday and Easter Sunday evenings, April 18th and 19th, guests can enjoy a superb five-course menu featuring veal steak with lobster medallions and lobster sauce. In addition, the restaurant will offer a buffet-style brunch for the whole family on Easter Sunday.

For those wanting to buy special sweets for the holidays, the Café, the Royal's coffee house on the main floor, will be selling Easter chocolates from April 13th.

Howard Plaza is offering an Easter Sunday brunch on the 19th in the 4th floor le Louvre REstaurant.

Lai Lai Sheraton celebrates Childrens day on the 4th with a special buffet from 11:30AM – 3:00PM in the Golden Dragon Room, 2nd Basement.

The Ritz April 13th – 19th will offer for sale rich milk chocolates at Brere Rabbit's Chocolate House daily 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. in lobby.

On Good Friday, April 17th, there will be a seafood buffet during lunch and dinner in La Brasserie and The Paris 1930 will feature a lunch and dinner set menu.

On Easter Sunday a traditional Easter Brunch featuring old favorites like roast lamb, honey – glazed ham and more with a grand parade of tempting desserts. Youngsters will love the surprise chocolate treats from Brere Rabbit.

Easter Sunday Dinner will be in the Paris 1930 restaurant. Chef Jean-Clude Herchembert has created a special roast lamb just for this occasion.

For reservations or information call The Ritz at 597-1234 ext. 276.

BARSTOOL VIEWS

By Durdley Drinkright

Feeling like clever Dan Cupid hisself after teaming up old Percy P. and radiant Peony Peng last month, I came upon my colleague's verbal extravaganza about polygamous marital bliss.

Now I don't begrudge a man's earthly desires so long as he can hack it, which is the only reason I'm against more than one house spouse. I mean if you have the money and the stamina then go for an even dozen or so, just change 'em like socks.

As far as your's truly is concerned bigamy and monogamy are both a case of one wife too many. And speaking of socks; take my little rice-propelled sock-shrinker, two or so like her would drive a man to drink – look what *one* of her did to *me!*

A man who has two wives, of course, is always called a bigamist;
but when he has three or four or more I guess he's just a damned big pigamist.

by Durdley the Poet

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Boozing is getting more complicated every day here on Ihla Formosa. This choice of beers situation is mind-boggling after all those years of only having to decide whether you wanted *Taiwan* beer by the bottle, can or (if available) draft (*draught* to you Brits).

Of course the beer barrage is balanced out by one of the Monopoly Bureau's seasonal shortage fiascos limiting the choice of popular brands of imported hard booze (no need to mention wine since no one here has ever seen a favorite wine) to less than nil.

Can't you just see the upper echelon over at the booze bureau: "Hey Chen-hsien some ingracious, interfering consumer just rang up and says we, I mean us, ain't got no more *Cossaks Crotch* Vodka."

"Laoban that must be the same crazy coolie that called yesterday wanting some *Scotsman's Scrotum* whisky and *Transvestites Delight* Creme de Menthe."

"Well now, Wong-hsien what do you have to say to that?"

"Sir, it must be the same itinerant trouble maker who's been calling twice last week for *Bottom Biter* Gin and three times yesterday for *Wetback's Revenge* Tequila."

"Soong hsiao-chieh have you any complaints today?"

"Yes sweet . . . , er I mean Laoban. Some disgraceful rumor-monger has been ringing up about some shortage of *Old Pissoir* Scotch – keeps yelling something that sounds like *'damned inefficient moron* – whatever he might mean by that?" There's nobody named Moron around here."

"Hmmm . . . Speaking of morons, First Assistant In Charge of Empty Bottle Returns what do you have to say about these vicious and inhumane attacks upon the sovereignty of this revered office^"

"Laoban, rest assured that these are all groundless complaints from some mere imbeciles. Those learned citizens who are familiar with our glorious bureau already know complaining won't do any good."

"Well honorable brother-in-law, I'm certainly glad that these are only isolated cases involving a few rebellious misfits who can't be satisfied with all of our great multi-flavored beer, and Shao Hsing Rice Wine cleverly made from sugar cane. And just wait til our new improved *Jenai River Rum* made with rice hits the market. Not to forget that fantastic *Stinky-tofu* Liqueur our number one, top chemist, Dr. Fu Manchu, just concocted. Who needs all that foreign crap that we only make 250 percent profit on?"

"No fear staff. We shall endure and go on developing glorious new and sundry spirits for a thankless and unenlightened public. They'll just have to drink the stuff we give 'em and dammed well like it."

"Oh, there goes the lunch bell already, see you in a few hours."

"Sorry Laoban but it's the minister on the telephone for you."

"Wei! Oh yessir! Yessir! Yessir! Of course sir!" Tsai Chien Sir!"

"Glorious staff, the minister has once again given us the humble honor of performing a historic service for the suck . . . , er masses. Now, you've all read about the recent problem with excess hog manure . . . . . .

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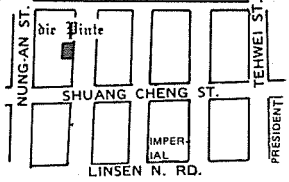

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ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEMORRHOID

I've never had piles and don't know what color they are or anything, but I do think your Down and Out bloke should bestow some sort of turkey award (maybe the Order to the Multiple Compound Fractures) on whoever the responsible engineers are who program Taipei's traffic lights. Their handiwork, as we experience it at all major and even minor intersections, makes it totally impossible for the POP (poor old pedestrian) to move across a street without the danger of being flattened by a *lawfully* moving vehicle. And from the motorist's viewpoint this makes Pedestrian Polo not only permissible but obligatory, because the cars, trucks and busses behind him are not going to let him pause just to spare the life some bohunk on foot.

The under and overpasses intended for the POPs are, in addition to being hellishly expensive to construct, a lousy solution. They represent between 72 and 96 extra vertical steps that tired calves should not be subjected To. Besides, there is another solution, introduced in Aberdeen, Scotland many years ago and since widely copied by other big traffic cities. At intersections, at programmed intervals, all lights go red, and no powered contraption of any sort (including horsecarts and dog sleds) is permitted to budge. For the next minute the POP is king. He can scamper all over the place, straight or jaywalking, until a warning sound advises him to get where he's going. And when the crossing is clear of POPs, the normal vehicular control begins again. Taiwan's two megopolises have two active mayors, Hsu Shui-teh in Taipei and Big Head Su in Kaohsiung. They should be appealed to directly to consider this simple but foolproof system. Not only will they be contributing to the protection of the POPs, an endangered species, but will be solving the street-crossing mess at a savings of mega NT bucks.

Lionel Solomon

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Crepes Suzette: *Thin sexy material used for French Maids' underwear.*
Mongoose: *Scottish for a male goose.*
Optimist: *A man who marries at seventy and puts in a nursery.*
Remarriage: *The triumph of hope over experience.*
Spouse: *A former lover.*
Twins: *Wombmates.*
Twin Beds: *Devices to make people walk in their sleep*
Wedding: *A funeral where the groom smells his own flowers*

DISCOVERIES

ANDY WARHOL IS ALIVE AND WELL

All affluent captials from Babylon to Rome and on to Gotham and Tokyo must, it would appear, sooner or later enter the realm of decadence when palpable assininity seems more pressing than the immediate struggle for existence. There's nothing really wrong with decadence. It usually produces an era of fun and games and frolic while it lasts, but the trouble with Rome and Babylon and Xanadu and all the rest of the upbeat but doomed pleasure domes is that too many of their citizens start concentrating on the hole and not upon the doughnut, and pretty soon their feet are so far off the ground that a sudden unexpected gust of realism, such as barbarians at the city gates, can blow 'em all away.

Although our Taipei has a long way to go – we haven't yet seen any jewelry stores for poodles anyplace – we have discovered something ominous on Tun Hua Rd. right opposite the down-to-earth old ballpark that causes us to wonder if maybe it isn't later than we think.

Actually what we were looking for was a humble banana split at Foremost but inadvertently came upon a place next door called "*Passion*," a restaurant whose overpowering interior decor reached right out through the windows and lured us in. To say that this new addition to the scene is overwhelming in its pure elegance understates a case made even bolder when we were

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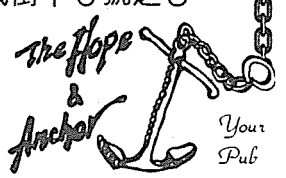


Warhol, Cont'd . . .

handed the list of beverages. The announced cocktail that first caught our eye was a "*Nice Slow Screw Against a Wall*!!!!!"

The trouble with an approach like that is that it tends to create more nostalgia than thirst. One remembers London during the bombing blitz when many bedrooms were out of action and a lot of young warriors of both sexes stumbled around in the blackouts looking for a bit of fun. It was there that the famous "knee trembler" was invented and perfected. And it was always performed – just as the drink suggests – against the wall of a burned out building. So we passed that one up and ordered a "*Screaming Orgasm.*" At NT$280 we half expected something unforeseen to creep out of the fruitbowl-sized glass to do weird and wonderful things to the imbiber, but as we said earlier, our Taipei isn't yet that far into decadence.

We're not going to try to compare the beverage with its name, but is was big enough and potent enough to deserve to be called something unusual. Staggering out the door after just one of them we hoped we wouldn't meet any hostile Martians. But there it is, Passion, at 8 Tun Hua N. Rd. if you can take it, or afford it. The 'Decline and Fall' can't be too far away!

TRIVIA & PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. This could be a far nicer world for everybody if old folks were valued as highly as antique, quality furniture.
2. Poise is the knack of being able to continue talking while another person picks up the check.
3. Withhold your praise for the man who reached the top until you learn how he accomplished it.

KEYWORD: VALENTINES

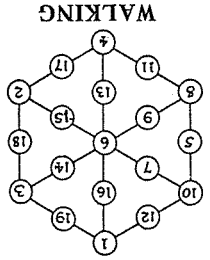
CRYPTOGRAMS

There must have been 4,550 men. At first they were placed with 65 in front and 70 in depth; afterwards 910 in front and 5 in depth.

ARMY

It will be found (and it is the key to the solution) that the man from B. can walk 7 miles while the man from A. can walk 5 miles. Say the distance between the towns is 24 miles, then the point of meeting would be 14 miles from A. and the man from A. walked 3⅞ miles per hour, while the man from B. walked 4⅜ miles per hour. They both arrived at 7 P.M. exactly.

WALKING



POLITICAL TRIVIA

1. Borgia 2. France 3. Albania 4. Battenberg 5. Danzig 6. Fidel Castro 7. "If you were my wife I'd drink it" 8. President Truman reviewing General McArthur's unprecedented address to the Joint Congress in 1951. 9. He was captured in Bolivia, trying to organize a revolt, and shot. 10. Francis Bacon 11. Kwame Nkrumah, first prime minister of independent Ghana. 12. Rudolph I (1218-1291), Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. 13. None. 14. All of Charles's children were illegitimate. 15. Pres. Abraham Lincoln in a meeting with his Cabinet.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

TAIPEI

TIWC 1987 CHARITY GALA

The entire expatriate community is invited to attend the Taipei International Women's Club annual charity gala on April 11th in the Golden Dragon Room of the Lai-Lai Sheraton Hotel, 12 Chung Hsiao E. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei. The festivities begin with cocktails at 6:15PM followed by dinner, at 7:00PM, and dancing to the music of the *Diplomats* (sponsored for the event by Crown Van Lines). Singer Yang Lie, a Golden Bell Award winner last year and a nominee again this year, will perform after dinner.

The evening will be highlighted by the raffle and door prizes. Among this year's great prizes are air tickets to Bangkok, Tokyo, Manila, Kuala Lumpur and Seoul; Philips CD Player; Personal Computer; Color TV; and a dinner for ten.

The charity recipient will be the Ai-Ai Nursing Home. Gala Tickets at NT$1500 per person are on sale weekdays 11:30AM – 1:30PM through April 3rd at the American Club or phone Jennifer Coye 871-5857. Raffle tickets at NT$50 each will be on sale at the American Club through the 10th.

Christian Women's Club will meet Thurs., 23rd, 11:45 AM in the International Ballroom of the Asia World Hotel (100 Tun Hwa N. Rd.). The theme will be "With a Song In My Heart" with Melody Faris, vocal teacher at Morrison Academy, Taichung, singing and speaking. Tickets, including luncheon, are NT$300. For reservations call Kathy Fredericksen 918-0467 or Geri Bartel 871-2045 by Mon. 20th April.

Gateway-Tips on traveling will be the topic of discussion at the monthly special coffee Wednesday, April 15, 10AM. Speakers will share such information as favorite places to stay, things to see, and best buys in the countries they have visited while living in Asia. The coffee (open to all who are interested) will be held at Gateway's new office: 4F, 438 Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 6, Tienmou.

Propeller Club of Taiwan celebrated its first six months of existence last month with its usual monthly luncheon meeting held at La Seine Restaurant Francais, but with something unusual added. For the first time raucous entertainment was introduced during the post-lunch period by the gathering's sponsor, Gary Ritzman of Sealand Services, through his original and home made slide show spoof entitled "Cutting Costs at Sea and Ashore."

April's meeting will be organized by Jeff Horner of ABSTECH for Friday the 3rd, and all members will be advised by mail as usual of the venue.

Taipei Int'l Women's Club will present the finalists of the Lillian Chao speech contest at 1:00PM in the California Room of the American Club.

YWCA will hold a lecture at 9:30AM, 9 April on "Symbolism, Costume, Stories and Music of Traditional Chinese Opera" at the FASD Club, 56-1 Chungshan N. Rd., Sec. 3. Fee for member NT$270, non-member NT$300. On the 23rd there will be a trip to Neihu to visit the Fushing School of Dramatic Arts with a school tour and a look at an opera performance. The tour leaves the FASD Club (see address above) at 9:30AM. Fee for members NT$320, non-member NT$350. Contact Polly Yeung 381-2130/1 for details.

KONG BEEFS UP ICRT TEAM

Bobby Kong joined the ICRT radio team last month as Director of Promotions and Production. Kong, who lived in Hawaii prior to joining ICRT, has two shows now being broadcast in the Tokyo-Kansai area on FM Yokohama. His evening show is the number one show in its time slot in that market.

Kong has held top jobs at most of Hawaii's popular radio stations, and pioneered many famous radio specialties. He was also the host for "Hawaii High", a weekly television series featuring the young talent of the islands. Prior to coming to Hawaii in the mid-70's, Kong worked in California and Korea.

ICRT will be broadcasting a new format of popular music on its AM channel. An equipment upgrade is now underway, which should be completed in the next two months. ICRT AM for the Taipei area will be broadcasting on 567 khz in stereo. *A program especially*

ADVENTIST HOSPITAL ART EXHIBIT

In conjunction with the grand opening of the new Taipei Adventist Hospital building, 424 Pateh Rd., Sec. 2 paintings by C.P. Christianson are being exhibited until 30 April in the exhibition room located next to the X-Ray reception.

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2	Mazurkevich Violin duo (Canada)	TCH
3	Fou Ts'ong Piano Concerto	TCH
12-13	Compagnie Philippe Genty (France)	AFAC
13-14	Frank Thore Panflute (France)	TCH
15	Carl-Orff Choir (W. Germany)	TCH
15-16	Mini & Mazi (Netherlands)	AFAC
18-20	Maze of Late 19th (R.O.C.)	AFAC
21-22	Grand Ballet des Caraibes (Caribbean)	CS
22-23	Yanci Mime (Canada)	AFAC
25	Los Romeros Guitar Quartet (Spain)	CS
28-29	Butterfly Lovers – "Yu" Opera (R.O.C.)	TCH

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Bankers Club	715-2135
Canadian Society	596-2389
China Masonic Temple	741-3971
Christian Women's Club	918-0467
Ding How Square Dance Club	772-3685
Foreign Affairs Club	596-3531
Gateway	871-9031
Ikebana Int'l	871-4475 or 781-2110
Indian Association	831-5448
Kiwanis Club	521-5151
La Leche League	351-5144
Lions	541-4035
Pacific Int'l Business Club	715-0980
Propeller Club	932-4134
Republicans Abroad	594-2111
Rotary Int'l	381-0986
Skal Club	541-6466
Society of American Military Engineers	331-7261 ext. 312
Taipei Int'l Women's Club	771-4398
Taiwan Jewish Community	861-6303
Taiwan Old-Timers	700-6464
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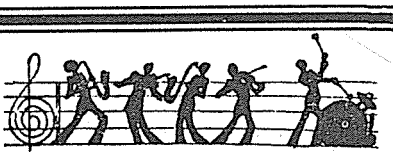

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TAICHUNG

Christian Women's Club meets on Tuesday, April 21, 1987 at 11:45AM. in the 2nd floor Western Dining Room of the National Hotel, 257 Taichung Harbor Road, Section 1. The theme will be "Smiling Faces." Torbjorn and Guri Dahle will present the special music. The special feature will demonstrate how to apply make up. Dillys Chen, accountant and book-keeper for the Baptist Education Center in Taichung, will be the speaker. Tickets are NT$240. Make you reservations by April 15th. Call Mrs. Sung at (04) 224-8446, Mrs. Ju at (04) 222-9594, or Jeanne Heinsman at (04) 232-1514.

Int'l Women's Assn holds their regular monthly meeting 10:00 AM, 1st April at the National Hotel. An egg carving demonstration is the day's feature. the monthly tour on the 15th will visit snakeskin and coral factories. Call 220-5375 or 254-9297 for further information.

VFW Post 727 will continue nominations for 1987-88 officers and hold elections at the regular meeting on 13 April. Call 321-9729 for information.

TAICHUNG JOINERS LIST (04)

Aerobics	239-1786
Bowling or Softball, Men ... Hank Knight at VFW	321-9729
Bowling, Ladies	239-1410
Bridge Club	254-0601
Chinese Lessons	287-3490
Christian Women's Club	231-0489
Int'l Womens Assn.	251-4146
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CHRISTIAN MOUNTAIN HOME

The Christian Mountain Home extended its thanks to Harry F. Ong of Pearl River Lodge # 3 for the deliverance of clothes and toys donated by the kind ladies of the expat community. Mrs. Yang, the director, currently requests financial assistance to build a water tower for the orphanage. At the present time they are drawing water from the nearby river which is about 400 feet lower than the orphanage. In the last 3 months 2 young babies have been abandoned on their door steps. Their wards now number over 120. Since this is a private Christian group, they receive no aid from the government and greatly need monetary aid, toys and clothes. Please send your donations to Harry F. Ong at P.O. Box 1842, Kaohsiung or phone him at 771-4338 or send money to the Christian Mountain Orphange through Postal Remittance Number 0042301-3.

YOGA GROUP FORMED

Ananda Marga Yoga Service Society, newly established in the Kaohsiung area, meets at 188 Song Jyang Street in the San Ming District (behind the train station). Didi (Sister) Annapurna from New York teaches self-realization and service to humanity on Wednesday and Sunday evening at 19:00, They also have a preschool for children at NT$2,000 for 5 months. Although, they are vegetarians all sects are invited to use their services. Most of their funds are from donations.

Persons interested in this yoga group can get more imformation by calling (07) 311-0073.

DOWN ISLAND ENTERTAINMENT

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24	" " " " "	Taichung
24	Los Romeros Guita Quartet (Spain)	Tainan
25	Grnd Ballet des Caraibes (Caribbean)	Kaohsiung-A
28	Frank Thore Panflute (France)	Kaohsiung
28	Yanci Mime (Canada)	Tainan

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Int'l Coffee Morning will be at the Grand Hotel at 10AM, April 8th. All ladies of the expat community are invited to attend. For further information contact Eeda Hylkema at 742-8392 or Pauline Watson at 741-7476.

KIWC Easter Celebration will be held on Wednesday April 22 at 12:00 at the Shen Sheng Presbyterian Church at 5 Ming Shen Street (明星街5號). A typical Twiwanese luncheon will be served, $350 for members and $400 for non-members.

Masonic Pearl River Lodge will meet 18:00, April 11th at # 10 Lane 210 Chang An East Road in Taipei to confer the 1st degree of Masonry. The Lodge extends thanks to Brother William Chen for the use of his building. All future Kaohsiung meetings will be at (民生二路76號) 76 Ming Sheng 2nd Road, 2nd floor All men interested in becoming Masons should call Dr. Nelson S. Tung (07) 241-3421 or Harry F. Ong (07) 771-4338.

Toastmaters have a busy schedule this month. April 10th, there will be a dancing party the 24th is the regular general meeting with dinner. Both events start at 7PM on the 15th floor of the Kingdom Hotel. Call Miss Ethel Cheng at (07) 351-3120 ext. 347 for details.

YWCA's monthly trip will be to Kangshan (岡山) "farmers flea market". This market is held once a year when all the outlying farmers come into town to sell their special products and buy supplies for the next year. This also celebrates Ma Tsu's Birthday. Persons desiring to participate call Ardyth Savage at 334-2938 or the "Y" 261-0697.

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Daring Diners Dirty Chopsticks Club	742-8392
Hash House Harriers	742-0991 or 742-8392
Int'l Ladies Coffee Morning	741-7476 or 742-8374
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April 20th (23rd day of the 3rd lunar month) marks the birthday of Ma-tsu, goddess of the sea and patron saint to fishermen and those involved in the transport industry. In the 10th century A.D. a light from heaven descended upon a small island near the coast of Fukien. The light entered the bed chamber of an official of the island and soon a baby girl was born. This baby never cried during her first month of life, as a result of which she is sometimes called Mo-niang (默娘) or Slient Lady.

During a nap Ma-tsu dreamed that her father drowned at sea and indeed he had died when his boat was overturned in a storm at sea. Upon hearing this news Ma-tsu swore never to wed and to care for her mother for the rest of her life. Another version is that she plunged into the ocean and after three days returned with her father's body.

Ma-tsu died at the age of 28. After her death her spirit often appeared at sea and many sailors testified that they were saved by her during storms. Taiwanese fishermen today still pray to Ma-tsu for a safe voyage before sailing. The most famous Ma-tsu temple is in Peikang near Chiayi. There are over 380 temples dedicated to her on Taiwan.

There is a colorful, pagentry-filled annual pilgrimage a few a days before her birthday when the residents of Taichia, near Taichung, carry their image of Ma-tsu to Pei-kang to take part in the celebrations. The procession is on foot and takes eight days to make the round trip.

The earliest temple to Ma-tsu was built in the pescadores in 1573 and is called Ma-tsu-kung. The name of the main island of Ma-kung is a corruption of the name of the temple.

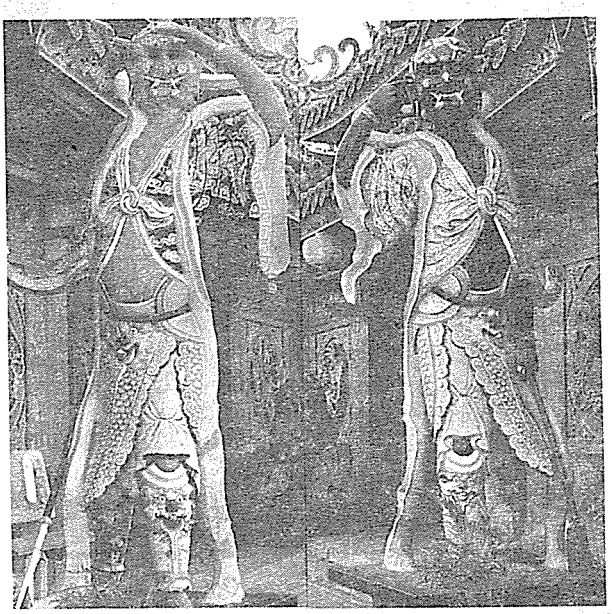
The first Ma-tsu temple on Taiwan itself is now known as the Fengtien Temple (奉天宮), located at Hsin Kang (新港) near Peikang. This temple is believed to hold the oldest likeness of Matsu on Taiwan. tsu on Taiwan.

According to available records, in 1662 a sea captain named Liu Ting-Kuo sailed to the mainland to obtain a statue of Ma-tsu for protection against the dangers of the sea. He returned to Pen-kang, a port on the west coast of Taiwan. Here Ma-tsu appeared to him and requested to remain there. In 1700, through donations of the local and surrounding villagers the Tien Fei Temple was built.

In 1799 the temple was destroyed by flood but Ma-tsu's image was saved and by 1812 a new temple was completed at, what is now known as, Hsin Kang and was named Fengtien Temple.

The temple withstood damaging earthquakes in 1901, 1904 and 1906 and today still stands although gradually expanded during the intervening years.

Other well known Ma-tsu temples are the Tein Hou Kung Temple (天后宮) in Lukang, built in 1786, which is very impressive. The Ta Tien Hou (Empress of Heaven) Temple (大天后宮) in Tainan was built in the late 17th century and is a palace which was converted into a temple at that time.



The image of Ma-tsu is always accompanied by her two sub-ordinates and protectors, Chien Li Yen (Eyes that see a thousand miles) and Shun Feng Erh (Ears that hear the wind).

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BOWLING UPDATED

Stars & Strikes Ladies Handicap Bowling League

Team leaders are the *"Optimists," "Yo-Yo's"* and *"Dirty Hands"* as of late last month, but anything can happen with no team in the top nine separated by more than three games.

Individual leaders are:

High Series – Scratch: *Phyllis Elliott 539, Ngaire Castles 532, Nancy Simala 531*

High Game – Scratch: *Ngaire Castles 223, Linda Moulin 223, Peachy Go 211*

High Series – Handicap: *Jaque Maycock 671, Jean Kaser 663, Linda Moulin 662*

High Average: *Ngaire Castles 160, Phyllis Elliott 153, Jeanne Swain 152*

l to r: Peachy Go, Jeanne Swain, Ngaire Castles, Linda Moulin, Phyllis Elliott

Stars & Strikes Mixed Handicap Bowling Leauge

The *"Grin and Bare Its"* will take a bit of catching up to with the *"Old Balls"* and *"Seven"* huffing along behind in second and third, respectively.

Individual leaders on the men's side are:

High Game – Scratch: *Jim Bostic 231, Kingsley Koo 231, Bob Elliott 227*

High Game – Handicap: *Don Castles 268, Ed Curtis 266, Fred Schwecke 261*

High Series – Scratch: *Bob Elliott 609, Fred Schwecke 605, Jim Bostic 596*

High Series – Handicap: *Fred Schwecke 716, Bob Elliott 708, Ed Curtis 685*

High Average: *Jim Bostic 172, Jim Haight 169, Kingsley Koo 169*

Ladies in the forefront are:

High Game – Scratch: *Linda Moulin 218, Mei Cheng 213, Peachy Go 212*

High Game – Handicap: *Linda Moulin 269, Lorrie Haight 257, Peachy Go 256*

High Series – Scratch: *Mei Cheng 595, Ngaire Castles 544, Jeanne Swain 542*

High Series – Handicap: *Mei Cheng 721, Jeanne Swain 683, Peachy Go 683*

High Average: *Mei Cheng 152, Phyllis Elliott 148, Jeanne Swain 148*

l to r: Peachy Go, Fred Schwecke, Linda Moulin, Jeanne Swain, Bob Elliott, Ngaire Castles, Jim Bostic, Don Castles.

Men's International Handicap Bowling League

The Men's league had it close amongst the top three teams with an overall spread of 2.5 games amongst them. The leaders were *Firebugs, Hilton Hotel* and *Imperial Hotel.*

Individual record holders were:

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High Game – Scratch: *Michael Lu 248, Gordy Anderson 244, Jim Haight 242*
High Game – Handicap: *Gordy Anderson 258, Jim Haight 253, Manny Bautista 257*

l. to r. Gordy Anderson, Stan Firme, Francis Yu

What do you mean; why is Stan in the picture? Guess what his league record is and you win a square bowling ball.

UPCOMING CRICKET EVENTS

In addition to the usual weekly contests on Sundays at TAS, the Taipei Int'l Cricket Club will have an East vs West event on Sunday, 5th April when the Indian players take on the rest of the Club.

Also coming up is a visit on the first weekend of May by the Kowloon Cricket Club from Hong Kong which should prove to be an exciting contest.

Those interested in cricket contact Trevor Maycock at 717-3867.

Cricket: A drive through the covers

SPORTS TRIVIA

1. What is the name of the fourth wood in a golf club set?
2. Name three types of skis.
3. How many riders participate in a polo game?
4. Who is the only man to win the Olympic marathon twice and what is his nationality?
5. What city has the largest bowling alley in the world?

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APRIL SOFTBALL

Sat., Apr. 4	12:30	SLOB's vs JV Boys
	1:45	Teachers vs Bankers
	3:00	Butchers vs Ploughman's
	4:15	Casa Mia vs AIT
Sun., Apr. 5		- make-up games-
Sat., Apr. 11	12:30	ICRT vs Bankers
	1:45	Bankers vs SLOBs
	3:00	VFW vs Casa Mia
	4:15	Teachers vs VFW
Sun., Apr. 12	12:30	SOB's vs Ploughmans
	1:45	Ploughmans vs AIT
	3:00	ELSI vs TAS Boys

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Computers Cont'd . . . . .

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Which package you finally decide to use will depend on a lot on your personal taste. Do you like way "menu" choices are displayed on the screen? Do you prefer pressing the ESC key or the F1 key more often? Most of all, do you find the software documentation easy to read and understand? Talk to people who are using communications software. Read the advertisement (carefully and between the lines). Wherever possible, write for free demonstration disks.

Sigh, we're out of space and time again. Oh well, by next month you will have chosen out and become familiar with your communications software. Have fun – and remember to go out for food every four hours.

Stan Firme is a locally established free-lance computer consultant and instructor. Any reader requiring these services contact Stan at Grapevine 596-2047 or address enquiries to Stan, P.O. Box 28-186, Taipei.

KEEPING LOCAL TRADERS REELING

After several months of taking a series of jabs from the forced strengthening of the New Taiwan Dollar the poor Taiwan exporter just got a right cross from the Ministry of Finance who announced that the harbor tax, or collection of harbor construction fees, has been settled at 0.5% of FOB prices.

And as an afterthought, just to show Uncle Sam that imports are truly being *encouraged*, the same fees on imports will range from 1% to 4% depending on the relative product category.

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Sun., Apr. 19	12:30	SOBs vs Bankers
	1:45	Bankers vs AIT
	3:00	Teachers vs Ploughmans
	4:15	Ploughmans vs Casa Mia
Sat., Apr. 25	12:30	Casa Mia vs SLOBs
	1:45	Bankers vs Casa Mia
	3:00	Teachers vs SOBs
Sun., Apr. 26	12:30	ICRT vs Ploughmans
	1:45	VFW vs AIT
	3:00	VFW vs JV Boys
Sat., May 2	12:30	TAS Boys vs Casa Mia
	1:45	TAS Boys vs AIT
	3:00	Ploughmans vs SLOBs
	4:15	VFW vs SLOBs
Sun., May 3	12:30	Bankers vs JV Boys
	1:45	ELSI vs Bankers
	3:00	SOBs vs ICRT
	4:15	Teachers vs Butchers

Health Cont'd . . . . .

Added benefit is available from a circulating bath. Although Jacuzzis are far between here on Taiwan many of us have bathrooms designed for out-of-tub bathing so that an overflow from the tub will simply go down the drain without damage and we can use the running tap or a hand shower to provide circulation. This also works if your tub has a proper overflow outlet.

Water temperature is important, keep it below 100°F (43°C) and don't stay in longer than 20 to 30 minutes. Extended time in the hot water is exhausting and that's counter-productive. ◇

IT'S A FACT

48 percent of deaths in highly developed nations were caused by heart disease and stroke and 21 percent by cancer.

In poor, developing countries, only 18 percent of deaths were due to heart related problems and 8 percent from cancer.

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HEALTH FACT

Persons with high blood pressure or on salt restricted diets should avoid milk-of-magnesia because of it's high sodium content.

Caution: Before starting any vitamin or exercise program consult a physician, especially if you are on any form of medication, suffer from shortness of breath; have a history of heart, blood pressure or respiratory problems; have not been active recently.

Letters Cont'd . . . . .

There are several friends who participated in that sad funeral. Like many others they would feel grateful for the help of all men of goodwill like the Propellor Club, but would rather be left to rest in peace from irreverent and flippant words.

The key to the cemetery can be obtained from Tamkang High School, Or contact Prof. Geddes at Tamkang University for a key, and an opportunity to preserve this invaluable piece of the history of foreigners in Taiwan.

Jack Geddes, Peitou

It would be appreciated if Prof. Geddes would be kind enough to submit a map for publication as several readers have expressed an interest in visiting the cemetery. Ed.

Dear Editor,

It's about time someone wrote an honest column. I am referring to your "Dining Out" in the March 1987 issue.

We visited the same restaurant after hearing the radio advertisements and our experience was much the same as your article's description.

On the other hand we have tried a few places from Grapevine and have yet to be disappointed.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Siegel

Letters and comments are welcome. Only those with the writer's name and address are acceptable for publication. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

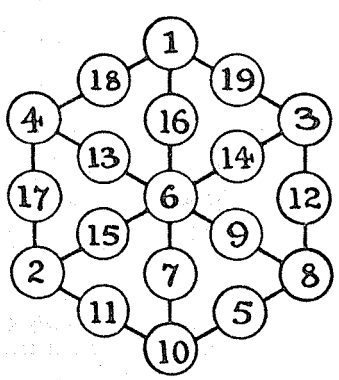
TRIVIA TRIFLES AND OTHER DIVERSIONS

POLITICAL TRIVIA

1. What was the family name of Pope Alexander VI?
2. Charles the Bald, Charles the Fat, and Charles the Simple were all Kings of what country?
3. Over what unhappy country did Enver Hoxha rule?
4. What was the original name of the Mountbatten branch of the Royal Family?
5. What was Gdonsk called before 1945?
6. Which Caribbean leader once acted as an extra in an Esther Williams movie?
7. What did Churchill retort when Nancy Astor said that if she were his wife she would poison his *coffee?*
8. What famous statesman described an historic address by what famous general as "nothing but a bunch of damn bullshit."
9. What became of guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara?
10. What famous English statesman and philosopher was convicted of taking bribes while in office?
11. Who, in 20th century politics was called the Redeemer?
12. Who was the first of the Habsburg royal line?
13. How many kings has Finland had?
14. Why was Charles II of England succeeded by his brother James although he had several sons?
15. What famous American statesman said to what body "Gentlemen, niggers will never be cheaper than they are right now."

MAGIC HEXAGON

In the illustration we have arranged the numbers 1 to 19 so that all the twelve lines of three add up to 23. Six of these lines are, of course, the six sides, and the other six lines radiate from the center. Can you find a different arrangement that will still and up to 23 in all the twelve directions? There is only one such arrangement.



WALKING PUZZLE

A man set out at noon to walk from Alpha to Bravo, and a friend of his started at two P.M. on the same day to walk from Bravo to Alpha. They met on the road at five minutes past four oclock, and each man reached his destination at exactly the same time. At what time did they both arrive?

A MARCHING ARMY

A body of soldiers was marching in regular column, with five men more in depth than in front. When the enemy came in sight the front was increased by 845 men, and the whole was thus drawn up in five lines. How many men were there in all?

KEYWORD

To find the KEYWORD, fill in the blanks in words 1 through 10 with the correct missing letters and transfer those letters to the correspondingly numbered squares in the diagram. Don't be too hasty – the puzzle is not as simple as it first seems.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

1. S A _ E S
2. S T _ C K
3. _ A T E R
4. B _ L L S
5. B A R _ S
6. C A R E _
7. W H _ L E
8. _ I G H T
9. B E _ T S
10. L E A _ E

CRYPTOGRAMS

In cryptograms, you are given sentences in which one set of letters is substituted for another. The words are in their right order with a space after each. For example: A BIG CAT, M SWX UMY. Here M is substituted for A, S for B, W for I, etc. You can break each code by watching for the frequency of certain letters or the way they are grouped. You know that a single letter is usually A or I, that the word THE occurs very often in English as does AND. Try IS, IT, OF and other common words when you find a group of two letters.

1. W Y B C E K M R Q T P N L N J H B E P J G K J R Q L K J P A P J X T K Q X B L K R Q L K R S C G P J P A N R M P Q N C Y B Z Y R X N C N H W B F M P, F M N R B W X L M J H B W M J P.
2. L M V U R V U J C R O F Y S O M B H R V F Q Y H E R J M S M F J V F W R J Y E O V F Q X C V E R Y F M J C R Z L R Z U M F L V S O U W L J C R S C R S O.
3. G C H W W K D M Q K X S T S J C U V A K S H W V P J E G W K S V J B W V M H W V H K T X E H C D Q K X D V J S E W K G W V J B B K P T D C U W V M C H.

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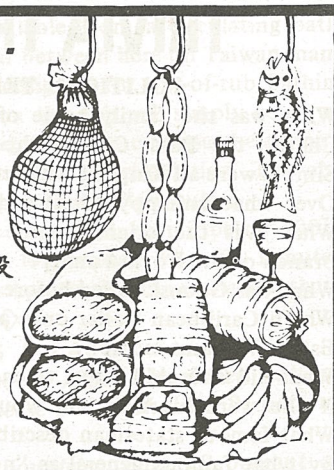

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